

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



“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?”

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8

As I sat down to write this note I could not help but start reflecting on the shooting in Colorado. It's all we have heard about for days and it will go on for a while yet. As with other senseless events that have happened through the years I just can't get my head around it. After days of news reports, interviews with witnesses and family members of the victims, after all the speculating and wondering what went wrong for one young man doing what he did, let alone to even contemplate such an act, he is the only one who can explain it and he's not talking (at least not at the time of this writing).

The irony of the name of the movie the victims were all attending “Dark Knight Rising” is not lost. Most certainly a dark night rose that night, and we will live in its shadows for some time. My head spins with wondering what is wrong with our world, our society, our country. I know am not alone. The reality is that this is what happens when people turn their backs on God and go there own way. This is what can happen when godly people turn the other way in face of evil things and don't call it out and acknowledge it, or fight against it. This too is what can happen when we simply think “I believe in God, that's good enough” or “I believe in God, but I'll let my children make up their own minds”...

The verse that I quoted above is from the book of the prophet Micah, who was writing to a people who had turned their back on God, who had assumed that because they were God's chosen people, they

didn't have to do anything more. Sometimes I think we as Christians take on that attitude – we know that Jesus has saved us – we've been baptized, we made public confession of our faith on our confirmation day – we know what we believe - we're good.....But when we take such a passive attitude toward our faith, essentially we are saying “I'm good, that's all that matters – let others fend for themselves” That's not what the Book tells us. As Micah told us, we are to ACT justly, to LOVE mercy, and to WALK humbly with God. There is nothing passive about that. Many believers get the ACTing and LOVing parts, but the WALKing with God part gets missed. We want God to be there when WE need Him, but God wants you to be there when HE NEEDS YOU. To walk humbly with God, means to go where God goes, to listen to what God says, to do what God asks you to do.

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A note from Pastor Sue (continued)

GOD NEEDS YOU to be in those places that he can talk with you – in His Word, in Worship, in Prayer. When we are doing that we are participating in God's action in the world. He works through us, in prayer, as we worship, in conversation with others, in acts of justice and mercy.

I think back to when Dave and I were in Washington. The county we lived in was known as the methamphetamine capital of the country (not such a proud moment in our community). There were meth labs around every corner it seemed. The pastors in our town of Puyallup started to gather every week for prayer and we decided that one of the things we would concentrate on was praying the meth labs out of our neighborhood. As soon as we started that one by one meth labs were discovered and shut down. There was a huge drop in the production of the drug in our town – it was no coincidence. Prayer alone has a powerful impact. But prayer doesn't happen by itself – it's the work of God's people.

Let's not put our heads in the sand and ignore the evil in the world around us. Let us begin by strengthening our own lives of faith by acknowledging what aspects of our relationship with God are lacking. Let's commit to being people who walk humbly with God by placing ourselves in his presence in worship and in prayer. To that end I am committing myself to a more intentional time of prayer and I would like to invite you to join me Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am in the Sanctuary beginning August 7th. Come when you can, but this is my promise – that the sanctuary will be open for prayer every Tuesday at 8:00 am. We will take a brief time to list out the specific prayers for the community and then we will pray together. *(You will not be asked to pray out loud).* I refuse to live in the shadows of a dark night that has risen – we are people of the light – and I will walk in the light of the SON, I hope that you will walk with me....

Blessings in Christ ~ Pastor Sue

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
August 25th and 26th**

**Guest Preacher – Mark Vander
Tuig – Service Coordinator for
LCMC**

**(Lutheran Congregations in Mis-
sion for Christ)**

Join us in worship on August 25th or 26th to hear Pastor Mark Vander Tuig of LCMC. Mark is the Service Coordinator (basically the head of LCMC). He will be sharing the Word with us in worship and then after the Saturday night service we will have a Potluck Supper and Mark will be sharing with us more about LCMC and he will be ready to answer any questions you might have. Mark has been with LCMC since they began. He has a passion for the Gospel and Christ's Mission in the world. Besides that - he's just a hoot, you don't want to miss this opportunity! More information will be coming about the potluck.



We welcome
new members:
Marv and Alice
Volden (Pastor
Sue's parents)

Council Highlights July 2012

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia reported that the June balance sheet was completed. She had:

- Moved the bank fee to the Unrestricted Funds
- Associated Savings and Money Market will be switched to their individual Unrestricted Funds categories
- "Catch the Vision" funds have been used to purchase the computer, speakers and projector for showing movies

With the system fully operational other accounts will be linked into online banking so funds can be moved more easily

Key budget variances for June:

- For the month, we are \$1,150 under budget for offerings
- Thrivent lost \$1,670 for the quarter, reducing our gain for the year to under \$2,300

Fundraising:

Spuds and Splits was down (just under \$500 net for missions commitment) and went to Outreach

4th of July rolls brought in additional funds over last year (final report in July)

Expenses—Office, utilities, pastor expenses and worship (piano keyboard repair-\$500 plus \$125)

Cynthia will give a complete mid-year report in this newsletter.

Pastor's Report

- 4 home and hospital calls
- wedding for Mary and Nick Novak on June 16th
- Received Alice and Marvin Volden into membership on June 30th
- Participated in VBS at Sister Bay on June 13th (storytelling)

Upcoming: July 18th and August 1st

Anderson Docks-ology
Immanuel hosted "Wings of A Hero" in

concert two times.
4th of July parade—guys in the band represented us well again.
"Ask the Pastor" article in the newsletter has brought positive feedback. Any other questions from anyone?

Upcoming:

- Family Movie Nights—equipment is purchased—need to get it set up and running
- **Special Guest—MARK VANDER TUIG**, head of LCMC will be here on August 25th & 26th. He will bring the message at worship and then we thought we could have a time of conversation and questions following the service. Possible potluck?
- **"The Story"**—she is considering doing the program throughout the year-possibly starting on September 9th.

Every member visit—will be setting up a plan with a committee

Council approved use of the church to Paula Eggert for French horn lessons on Thursday afternoons during the summer.

Pastor suggested that the railings on the outside steps be extended and markings be put on the edges of the steps. Council will look into that.

Committees:

- Readers are need for worship services
 - The Family Night movies will begin soon
 - Thank you to all who helped with Spuds & Splits and cinnamon rolls
 - Thank you to the youth who helped the evening of July 4th
 - Reminder—**RUMMAGE SALE, AUGUST 9 & 10**—items can be brought starting on July 31st
 - Scholarship checks have been sent
- The memorial book has been set up by Jim Jennings and Pastor

Next meeting will be on August 14th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. **The September 11th meeting has been canceled as Immanuel people will be hosting a Bridges Event on that day.**

Thank you, Thank you !!!

Thank you to all who helped make our last two fund raisers such a success. Our spuds and splits was down some this year because of the Gibraltar Class reunion which we will correct for next year. We'd like to see more of our *own people* there for the fun, good food and fellowship. You also can't beat hearing the good music of our own Praise Band. Hope you will plan to attend next year.

Our 4th of July cinnamon rolls were a hit again once again. We sold out by 9:45 AM. A very special thank you to Wayne and Judy Voight for their donation of the rolls and frosting. Also thank you to *all* the workers we had this year. Everything went smoothly. The fellowship shared with everyone was also a lot of fun. You're missing out if you don't join us. This is everyone's church. Come and join in on the fun. We miss seeing some of you.

Our next up and coming fund raiser is the Rummage Sale, August 9th and 10th. Start gathering those items you wish to donate. Set up will be July 30th starting at 9 AM. We will receive items each day until the day of the sale. Times will be 9—noon and help is needed each day. On Wednesday August 8th we will receive bakery items, so think about how you might donate for the bake sale, too. People look for good, home made—church made bakery. HELP HELP HELP is needed. Clean-up will be after 2 PM on Friday August 10th. *Remember, helping hands make light of work.* Help us out! Just come when you can.



Rummage & Bake Sale
Aug 9th 9 am—4 pm
Aug 10th 9 am—2 pm

Just a reminder: Any submission for the newsletter needs to have the name of the person who submitted it. This applies to photocopies of poetry or prose as well.

*TO: Immanuel
Lutheran Church -
Baileys Harbor*



*On behalf of the
BRIDGES Leadership Team, I want to say
THANK YOU for your generous donation to
the 2012 BRIDGES program in Door County.
With your support and the participation of
your people, we have already touched the lives
of 137 students this summer.
Blessings on you! ~ Dave Detert*

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. There is a yellow school bus in the narthex to hold your monetary donations. 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.



Scholarship Awarded

The church council of Immanuel Lutheran Church is proud to announce that Ashley Zahn is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year.

Ashley completed her stellar performance at Gibraltar High School as the salutatorian of the graduating class. Besides carrying four A.P. classes her senior year, she was active in the school band, math team, Ecology Club (Vice President), exhibited work at the Miller Art center, and she won a state level award as a member of a polka band! Few can claim to such diverse activity!!

We are all very proud of her as she represents herself, her family, her church and

her community going forth to further her education. Our thoughts and prayers go with Ashley.

Jim Jennings
Scholarships & Memorials



PARKER PALMER

As often happens on the spiritual journey, we have arrived at the heart of a paradox: each time a door closes, the rest of the world opens up. All we need to do is stop pounding on the door that has just closed, turn around—which puts the door behind us— and we welcome the largeness of life that now lies open to our souls. The door that closed kept us from entering a room, but what now lies before us is the rest of reality.

News from the *District Dispatch*

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The district is now incorporated as "Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan District, Inc." Leadership Team Chair Daniel Wright is now working on moving the district forward toward getting the non-profit 501(c)(3) status nailed down.

The Leadership Team of the Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan District of LCMC met May 5 at Christus Lutheran Church in Clintonville (WI) in a strategic planning retreat. The group looked

once again at the priorities that were laid out in the brainstorming session at the Convening Conference at Cornerstone Church in Wausau (WI) in January.

The group decided it needed to focus on three key areas in the spring: the development of the Congregation Service Team, the completion of the district's legal and financial paperwork including incorporation and establishment of its non-profit status, and the facilitation of inter-congregational networking through communication methods such as this newsletter,

our website, Facebook and email.

While many other opportunities have been identified, the Leadership Team felt those three areas needed to be in place before it could effectively begin to tackle the others. For complete minutes of Leadership Team meetings, go to the website www.lcmc-wiupd.com (Dave Gunderson is a member of the Leadership Team of the District)

*The Newsletter of the LCMC Wisconsin-Upper Peninsula of Michigan District
July 10, 2012*

Health and Wellness News

On Sun, August 19 from 4-5 PM The Northern Door Health and Wellness Ministry is hosting a CHIP (Community Health Information Program's) at St Paul's Juddville on "Organ Transplantation". The presenter will be Dr. Jerry Winkler from Green Bay Oncology

Did you know...EXPANDED COUNSELING HOURS IN NORTHERN DOOR

THE COMMUNITY CLINIC OF DOOR COUNTY (CCDC) offers mental health counseling for individuals and group counseling on any number of personal issues, including seasonal sadness. CCDC offers affordable counseling services to those without insurance, and all clients are seen regardless of their ability to pay. Counseling services are available at both the Sturgeon

Bay and Sister Bay sites with expanded counseling hours now available in Northern Door. Patient confidentiality fully ensured

Call (920) 746-8989 to schedule an appointment.

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. If interested contact Door-Tran at 920-743-9999.

Check out the web-site for more community resources.
www.northerndoorhealthwellness.com

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

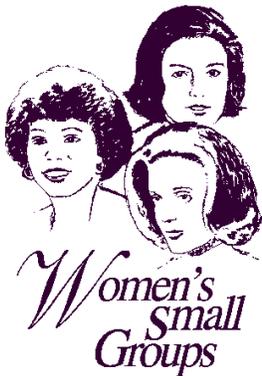


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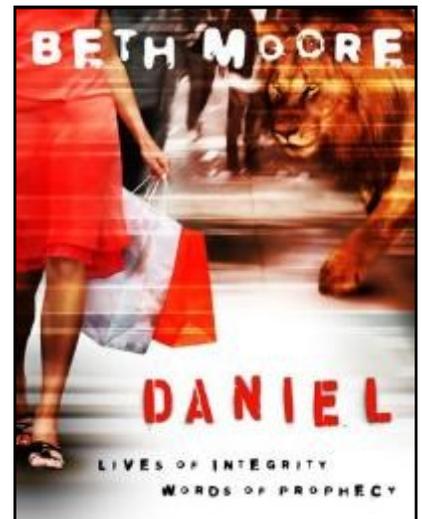
Volunteers are needed to help during both Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Communion set-up, ushers, and readers are needed. Contact Jane Pluff if you can help or sign up on the chart posted on the bulletin board located in the narthex.



Women's Bible Study—Thursdays

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.



Registration for Daniel – Give to Cynthia Crock or Judy Miller by August 16.

Invite your friends to join us!

12-week study begins September 6 and ends November 29 (week after Thanksgiving)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Session Preference: Thursday 10:15 AM _____ Thursday 6:30 PM _____

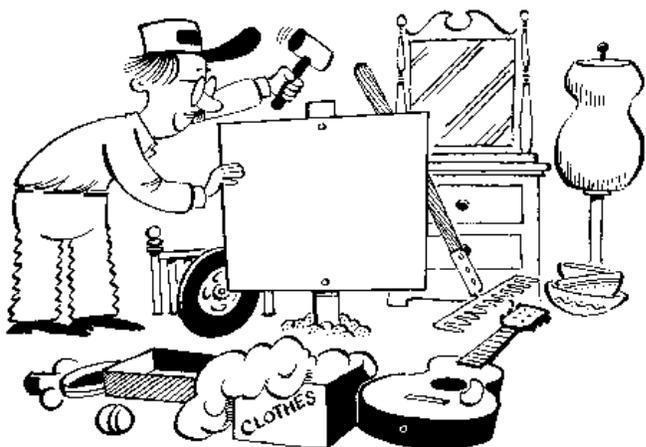
Please order: Workbook: ____ \$16.00; Quick reference guide: ____ \$4.00 Total: _____

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August highlights



- ◇ Rummage Sale!! Thurs & Fri Aug 9th /10th
- ◇ Tuesdays 8 AM Time of Prayer—Sanctuary
- ◇ Wednesdays 7:30 PM Docks-ology sunset worship at Anderson Dock—Ephriam
- ◇ Worship every Saturday 5 PM and Sunday 9 AM
- ◇ Mark VanderTuig -LCMC Service coordinator to lead worship Aug 25th/26th
- ◇ Potluck dinner and Q&A with Pastor Mark after the 5 PM service August 25th