

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## Teaching and Healing with Authority by Peter Weller

February, 2009

**Sunday Worship  
9:00 AM**

**Our mission:  
Gather All Generations  
Around the Word of Christ**

**New Sound system  
Installed on Jan 12**

**It is awesome!**

**Please check out the  
labor of love done by  
Jan Newhouse our  
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The gospel lessons through this season of Epiphany come from Mark, chapter 1, verses 21-45. Mark begins with the narrative of John the Baptizer, and quickly moves to the story of Jesus calling his disciples and beginning his ministry preaching, teaching, healing, and performing miracles.

Mark tells us that many “were astonished at [Jesus’] teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Also fascinating is the fact that the demons and unclean spirits recognized who Jesus was before anyone, other than John the Baptizer did. In the synagogue at Capernaum, a man with an unclean spirit cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” After Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, at his command, it left this man’s body with a loud voice.

Again, those who witnessed this were all amazed and asked, “What is this? A new teaching! With authority, he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And, at once, Jesus’ fame spread everywhere throughout Galilee. (Mark 1:21-28)

Mark writes that Jesus healed many who were sick or demon-possessed, including Simon’s mother-in-law and a leper. Many witnessed those acts of healing or what followed from them. Mark tells us that Jesus became so popular that he could no longer enter any town because of the crowds. He had to remain in the open country, Yet, people still found him. He was very much sought after.

One might find as hard to believe these miracle narratives of 2,000 years ago. How does one explain them in today’s language? But, even in today’s world, how do we explain surviving an accident, a difficult or risky surgery, a combat situation; or explain how because of a last minute situation, we did not board the plane that crashed or enter the building that blew up?

And, how do we explain US Airways flight 1549? A jet airliner, shortly after takeoff, flies into a flock of geese, disabling both engines, and crash lands in the Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew survive and are rescued. No question, pilot Chesley Sullenberger and his crew did a masterful job in bringing about this happy outcome. But, at so many points, and in so many ways, there are thousands of things that could have gone otherwise- wing flaps set just a hair differently, a path of descent too steep, a decision to return to LaGuardia or land elsewhere that was a reach too far, water rushing into the cabin too rapidly, or total panic and pandemonium on board. By the Grace of God, this one went right. It is called the “Miracle on the Hudson.” How do we describe it in words that will be understood by people 2,000 years from now?

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## Monthly Updates

### January Attendance

Jan 4	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>107</u>
Jan 11	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>135</u>
Jan 18	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>151</u>
Jan 25	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>104</u>

### General Fund Gifts - December

1/12<sup>th</sup> of annual budget = \$ 13,292.66

Dec 7	1,807.73
Dec 14	1,988.56
Dec 21	1,685.60
Dec 24	1,006.22
Dec 28	1,122.60
Year End	900.00

*Simply Giving* 2,480.00

Dec \$ 10,990.71

Nov \$ 10,304.14

**\$10,000.00 has been paid to the Synod for Mission Support** beyond the congregation for synodical and church wide ministries of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### “Building Fund Gifts ” - December

Monthly mortgage payment - \$3,422.55

Dec 7	\$ 360.00
Dec 14	720.00
Dec 21	140.00
Dec 24	265.00
Dec 28	220.00
Year End	400.00

*Simply Giving* 865.00

Dec \$ 2,970.00

Nov \$ 8,701.00

At this time we have payments made through March. Next payment due 04/23/09.

#### Thrivent Leaders 2009

Chapter - Yvonne Buster, Mark Kendall, Ray Poe  
Judy Venzke

Care in Congregations—Dale Venzke, Mike Jewell

#### Continuing Funds that can be contributed to:

Luther League		
Parking Lot Fund	12/31/08	4,837.00
Endowment Fund	12/31/08	7,540.80
Membership Assistance	12/31/08	3,944.80

[Make notation on check]

Council Members for 2008: Sarah Hernandez (Ed/Youth) 653-3038 - Kathy Dea [Sec.] (Ed/Youth) 653-6097 Kate Glinnsmann (Ed/Youth) 653-7314 - Marty Westen [V.P.] (W/E)653-6021 - Ed Burdock (W/E) 653-2495 - Mary Chmelar (W/E) 653-2043- Tom Lyons (B/G/F) 653-6721 - David Sells (B/G/F) 461-5873 Nancy Baker (B/G/F) 653-7309 - Ken Erickson (Stew/Fin) 653-5258 - Ruth Jones [Pres.] (Stew/Fin) 461-4010 -Mark Kendall( (Stew/Fin) -653-6561

### Fortnightly Luncheon

Serving the spring general meeting of the Fortnightly Women’s Organization is one of the main money raiser for our LWR projects (quilts, school bags, layettes, and health kits). It will be served Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. A list of foods and workers needed will be on the hall table. Please check it and see if there’s anything you can donate or volunteer to do. We do appreciate all of the support everyone has given to us in the past. Women of Immanuel

### Youth Quake

**On January 16-18, 2009 16 youth and chaperones from Immanuel went to Des Moines for the Youth Quake. It was a wonderful experience for those Jr. High youth. The trip was made possible for three of the youth by the Irma Thomsen endowment fund. Scholarships are available for youth trips, applications available in the office. Contact a member of Education and Youth for more information( see names listed on bottom of page).**

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please keep in you prayers 20 month old Emma Levetzow and 4 year old Jenna Waters who have both recently been diagnosed with cancer. Jim Sievers works with Emma’s dad and Jenna is the niece of Chad and Angi Ellis.

### Officers for 2009

These are the officers elected by the Council for 2009. Please feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns.

President –	Ruth Jones 461-4010
Vice President –	Marty Westen 653-6021
Treasurer –	Kathy Ebert 653-3950
Secretary –	Kathy Dea 653-6097

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Pastor Steve Koch can be reached by cell phone  
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## Worship Leaders

February 2009	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Setup/ Cleanup	Acolyte
Sun 9:00 am Feb 1	Kathy Dea	Ted Kruse Phyllis & Duane Hagensick	Linda Brown	Lynette Sievers	Hagensick J&D Moore	Megan Hill
Sun 9:00 am Feb 8	Youth	Youth	Youth			Kyle Fischer
Sun 9:00 am Feb 15	Dale & Judy Venzke	Jim Gallagher Tom Tanner	Lee Buchholz	Sarah Hernandez	Kruse M&J Sells	Grant Hill
Sun 9:00 am Feb 22	Jim & Lynette Sievers	Yaro Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Jim Sievers			Maggie Baker
Ash Wed. Feb 25 6:15		Vetter			Hagensick Kruse	

If you cannot serve the time you are assigned, please find someone to trade with or call Kathy Vetter 653-5515 before noon on Friday.

### Brad Sievers Project

Our church and Thrivent supported Brad Sievers as he traveled to Tanzania with John Hays' group to install water purification equipment. Brad and Casey Negrete traveled to the village where Mkini, a Washington high school exchange student last year, lives to install and train someone in his village. We are looking forward to Brad's photos and comments after his return home. Money was collected 3 Sundays and donuts and coffee were served after church the final Sunday. The congregation donated \$952 and Thrivent supplemented with \$500 for a total of \$1,452. Brad is very appreciative of the financial and spiritual support. He is doing something as a teenager that will be with him the rest of his life.

### SERRV Crafts Project

The sale of crafts from third world countries is almost over. Thanks for the fine support we received. There were 6 craft items that were not sold. Rather than return them for credit, they will be available for sale. The display will be on the table in the hall where the coffee is sold. The prices have been reduced. Please pay in cash for ease in bookkeeping. The money from craft sales will go toward LWR projects. The dark chocolate bars can't be returned. They are also on the coffee table. The money from chocolate sales will go into the coffee fund envelopes that are on the table. Here are the craft items with reduced prices:

Papoose tree ornament of Mary and Jesus \$9, wooden circular game labyrinth \$10, bamboo wind chime \$9, capiz angel tree ornament \$10, terracotta nativity scene \$14, stone children candle ring \$10.

**Cookies for Sunday Morning**  
 February 1 — Deb Shepherd  
 February 8 — Angi Ellis  
 February 15 — Pam Keyworth  
 February 22 Open



### Blood Dive

Washington Lions Club will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, February 19 at the United Presbyterian Church from 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.. To donate call Don Hiner 653-5508 or Dorothy Weber 653-3844.

## Sunday School News February

Sunday School teachers and the Education Committee met on January 18<sup>th</sup> and made plans for the spring. Mark your calendar!

On February 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday School students will receive a special "Jesus loves me" snack during their lesson time.

On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Pajama, Pancake, Praise and Puppet breakfast for Sunday School students. We will rotate classes between three stations; Pancakes breakfast, Praise music, and Puppet lesson during Sunday School lesson time on that Sunday.

In April, we will celebrate Palm Sunday with a special lesson and Easter Egg Hunt for younger students with the older students hiding the eggs. There will be **NO Sunday School Classes on Easter Sunday.**

Our class day for Sunday School this year will be Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll give you more information on that as the time draws near.

Remember Sunday School classes run from 10:15 to 11:15. We hope you will join us for spring fun and learning.

Constitution changes in **BOLD** voted on at Special Congregational Meeting Jan 18, 2009 Please check with the office for a copy of the constitution if you are interested.

### AMENDMENT PACKAGE I

*(Allows a person to be removed from active membership but keeps them on an inactive list so we retain responsibility so we can have a more accurate membership list.)*

C8.05 Membership in this congregation shall be terminated by any of the following:

- E. A confirmed member who does not, for a period of one year, partake of Holy Communion, support the church with their offerings, and does not appear to desire to participate in the life and worship of the congregation shall be visited by the pastor and **and/or a representative of the congregation** the congregation's officers and encouraged by them to active membership. If, during the second year, the confirmed member does not actively participate, their name shall be removed from the **active** membership roster of the congregation but and be retained on an **inactive** responsibility list as one who is in special need of the congregation's prayer and concern.

### AMENDMENT PACKAGE II

*(Changes the mandate to have this meeting to making it a suggestion since it rarely happens.)*

C12.04 The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The duties of the Congregation Council shall include the following.

- A. To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals. [Invite the full membership of its committees together with representatives chosen by the organizations of the congregation to review the entire program of the congregation at least once a year.]

APPENDIX (Last paragraph of A1.06)

(General) It is important that the committees meet no less than once a month for the committees to be effective leaders of the congregation. **[It is suggested to invite the full membership of its committees together with representatives chosen by the organizations of the congregation to review the entire program of the congregation at least once a year.]**

### AMENDMENT PACKAGE III

*(Specifies that a Council member attend Call Committee meetings.)*

C13.04 When a pastoral vacancy occurs; a Call Committee shall be elected. The congregation shall elect six voting members and the Congregation Council shall elect three members. Term of office will terminate at installation of a newly called pastor. **If no member of the Congregation Council is elected to the Call Committee, a member of the Congregation Council shall attend as a liaison to the committee.**

### AMENDMENT PACKAGE IV

*(Allows the Congregation Council to amend the Appendix portion of the Constitution)*

APPENDIX

#### **A1.07 Amendments**

**The appendix may be amended by a majority vote of the Congregation Council at any regularly scheduled meeting.**

### AMENDMENT PACKAGE V

*(Changes the term of office of Council Members to two years from three.)*

C12.02 The members of the Congregation Council shall be elected at a properly called meeting of the congregation during the month of November.

- A. Their term of office shall be for **two** three years with the term of office beginning on January 1, and ending on December 31.
- B. **Six** Four of the members of the Congregation Council shall be elected each year. One each to a specific committee as outlined in C12.06. **The 2009 Congregation Council shall determine the realignment of individual terms before elections are held in November 2009.**
- C. No one shall be declared elected unless he/she has received a majority of the votes cast.
- D. If more than one ballot is required in an election it shall be in order by proper motion to limit the balloting after the first ballot to the **six** four candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot, and after the second ballot to limit the balloting to the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Constitution Committee members: Lee Buchholz, Al Olson, Peter Weller, Ruth Jones.

**EMAIL Newsletters**

We are in the process of changing from a paper newsletter to one that can be emailed to those that wish to view it that way. ( It will probably take a couple of months to complete. ) The newsletter will also be available on the website, you can read portions of the monthly letter their now. We recently passed out slips of paper at church like the one listed below. If you did not have the opportunity to fill one out and would like to do so here it is. You can also email you address to the church at: [luthwash@hotmail.com](mailto:luthwash@hotmail.com)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please include me in the email prayer chain

Please send the newsletter by email

Please send council minutes by email

Prefer to receive newsletter by mail

drop off or mail to Church

Assets & Outreach sheets will be passed out at Church for the next couple of Sundays. Natural Church Development is asking that everyone take the time to fill out one of the sheets so that you can share your talents with everyone. It is important that we prayerfully consider what we can share with others, especially those in need.

N C D will also be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday Feb 15 after the worship service. All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

**Kid's Corner**

Congratulations to the kids for raising \$78.06 in the tube on the altar. Everyone enjoys watching the kids take their change up to the front. The goal is to buy a cow for a family in need so they can improve their life style by providing for their family.

**Book of Timothy**



**Word Find**

Find the words from Deuteronomy 6:5 in the heart shape.

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SHALL  
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