

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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August, 2009

**Sunday Worship
9:00 AM**

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

**Fall Clothing Sale
Sept 12**

Rally Sunday

September 13

**Sunday School
classes resume**

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The Bread of Life by Peter Weller

The gospel lessons for August come from John 6:24-69, and central to the story told here is Jesus' statement, "I am the Bread of Life." After Jesus had fed 5,000 people from five barley loaves and two fish, twelve baskets of usable leftover scraps were gathered up.

The next day the crowds came looking for Jesus. Possibly, they wanted to see more or bigger or more spectacular miracles. Jesus expected this when he said to them, "You are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles." He told them to work for the food that lasts for eternal life. "This is the food which the Son of Man will give you because God the Father has put his mark of approval on him. It is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Those who heard this asked, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never be thirsty. Everyone whom my Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me because I have come down from heaven to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me and not lose any of all those he has given me, but raise them all to life on the last day."

But, some began to grumble and said, "This man is Jesus, son of Joseph, isn't he? We know his father and mother. How then does he now say that he came down from heaven?" Jesus told them to stop grumbling and then said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give him is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him." Jesus said these things in the synagogue in Capernaum. He had compared himself to the manna their forefathers had eaten in the desert. That manna fed them but yet they died. Instead, Jesus would give them eternal life.

Many of his followers could not accept what Jesus said here, and they turned away and no longer followed him. He asked the remaining twelve, "Would you also like to leave?" Peter responded, "Lord to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God."

What Jesus said here foreshadows the Last Supper where he shared the bread and the cup with his disciples saying that these were his body and his blood shed for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:26-27) Jesus did not mean literally that his flesh should be eaten or that his blood should be drunk, for that would have violated the Hebrew laws. Instead, to "eat and drink" his "flesh and blood" is to have faith and to believe in the crucified Christ with all of one's being. Our faith is in Christ who saves us from our sins. As long as we have this faith, he is in us. But, we must not forget that we do not choose Christ. He chose us and comes to us and gives us this faith that unites us with God.

Monthly Updates

July Attendance

July 5	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>95</u>
July 12	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>109</u>
July 19	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>146</u>
July 26	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>105</u>

General Fund Gifts - June

1/12 th of annual budget = \$ 13,814.75	
June 7	2,630.27
June 14	1,174.00
June 21	1,385.00
June 28	1,840.00
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>2,460.00</u>
June \$	9,489.27
May \$	9,415.64

\$2,000.00 has been paid to the Synod for Mission Support in 2009 beyond the congregation for synodical and church wide ministries of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Due to slow summer income, we have started to draw from the operating note. Please remember our promises of increased donation for an experienced Pastor.

“Building Fund Gifts” - June

Monthly mortgage payment - \$3,422.55	
June 7	\$ 535.00
June 14	978.00
June 21	280.00
June 28	315.00
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>820.00</u>
June \$	2,928.00
May \$	2,505.00

At this time we have payments made through July. Next payment due 08/23/09.

Thrivent Leaders 2009

Chapter - Yvonne Buster, Mark Kendall, Ray Poe
Judy Venzke
Care in Congregations—Dale Venzke, Mike Jewell,
Oscar Hernandez

Continuing Funds that can be contributed to:

Luther League	
Parking Lot Fund	New Carpet Fund
Endowment Fund	Piano Fund
Membership Assistance	Bobbie Schmidt Fund

[Make notation on check]

- Lutheran World Relief’s supply of health kits remains critically low as requests for assistance across the world increase.

The kits—containing basic hygiene supplies to help reduce the spread of germs and disease—are sent around the world to people dealing with the affects of war, disaster, and poverty. As humanitarian crises escalate, requests for LWR health kits are outpacing the inflow of health kit donations from groups and congregations throughout the United States.

“The shortage of health kits is getting more drastic each week,” notes Trevor Knoblich, who manages LWR’s quilt and kit inventories. “We simply do not have the stock to fulfill needs.”

LWR needs more than 56,000 health kits to fill planned shipments to Azerbaijan, Mauritania, Tanzania, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Palestine (Gaza), Philippines, Peru and Guatemala by year’s end.

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Health Kits

The oldest group of kids in Bible school chose to put together health kits for LWR. They worked in the sew room and used supplies already collected. The kits were tied up so items wouldn’t fall out. Thanks to all of you involved. The items needed to complete more health kits are adult toothbrushes sealed in their package, nail clippers, the large 4.4/4.5 bars of bath soap, and bandaids ¾ inch or 1 inch widths. Items are still being left on the LWR “coffee table” in the hallway.

Spaghetti Supper for Avery Vongpanya

The July 17 spaghetti supper and bake sale for Avery was a success. Neighbors and friends organized the event to help with the medical expenses of this “preemie”. After months at the University Hospital, he’s at home but still under very special care. A little over \$1800 was raised at the supper. Thrivent will supplement 1/3. That means \$2100 of help with Tu and Pam’s medical expenses for Avery.

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

Wandering Worshipers

Al Olson
June 28, 2009
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Abington, PA

Christian Banquet Date

OCTOBER 24, 2009

Save the date of October 24th for the Christian Banquet. We will accept donations of any new merchandise, hand made craft items or any baked goods for the Banquet, so begin making your plans now. Next planning meeting will be held August 25 at 5:30PM. Contact Mike & Judy Sells at 653-5873 with any questions.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER 2009

The date for Kids Against Hunger has been re-scheduled for August 12, 2009. The Fields will be bringing everything needed for packing the food to our Immanuel. We will pack the food in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6 P.M. We will need some help (he said about 3 or 4) to help unload the trailer and set up tables, etc. at 5 P. M. For filling the bags with the food we will need sets of 12. So, I would like to see at least 24 workers. If there are younger children (school age) there may need to be an adult to help/ supervise. It will take at least an hour, possibly a little over. It should be a fun time as well as a time that we can think about and help others. If you help, please think that each bag packed will feed a family of six for a day. Then think about how much each of us consumes in the same day. I hope to see you at church on August 12 at 6 P.M. Lee Buchholz

Fall Clothing Sale Sept 12

Fall Clothing Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, September 12. You can bring clothing anytime between now and then to the church.

Cookie Walk and Pie table for Bobbie Schmidt

Bobbie will continue her mission work in Africa this fall. Her plans are not finalized as of this writing. When things are definite, she will speak to the congregation. The cookies that came in for this cookie walk were overwhelming. I think everyone is anxious to help Bobbie in anyway they can. \$1090 was raised July 18th and 19th. There will be a general collection at a church service for those who were unable to participate in the cookie walk. Thrivent will supplement 1/3 of the total money raised.

The cookies donated were like the loaves and fish. The trays of cookies never seemed to go down. With permission from Bobbie, fourteen dozen cookies were set aside for Camp Reese, other cookies were used for Bible school treats and after church coffee, bags were sent to Hamakua for the youth there, and they were used for snacks during Bingo night at the Care Center. Pastor Steve may even have eaten a few. What a wonderful project.

Paws and More Shelter

The animal shelter located at 1004 W. Madison (behind the Hy Vee Liquor Store) is overflowing with cats and dogs waiting for adoption. An urgent call has been sent by email to supporters asking for cat or dog toys, for dog collars (all sizes) and leashes, and for cat "towers". Maybe you have some of these items that will not be used. Money donations are always welcome. If you have any question calls the shelter during the day.

50th Celebration!

Jack & Margaret Quigley will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday August 2 from 2:00-4:00PM in the fellowship hall at Immanuel. Congratulations to the both of them!!!! There anniversary is August 1.

Worship Leaders

August 2009	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Setup/ Cleanup	Acolyte
Sun 9:00 am Aug 2	Tom & Lynne Zoulek	Larry Bartlett Phyllis & Duane Hagensick	Ray Poe	Ann Bennett	Hagensick/ Kruse D/S McAvoy	Vanessa Westen
Sun 9:00 am Aug 9	Kathy Dea	Mark Kendall John Harris Peg Harris	Sara Bartlett			Amanda Boner
Sun 9:00 am Aug 16	Corrine Martin Diane Morgan	Tom Tanner Jim Gallagher Richard Schmidt	Jim Sievers	Gary Fischer Deb Shepherd Tom Lyons & Mary Gail	Dick & Connie Humston Mike & Judy Sells	Marty Baker
Sun 9:00 am Aug 23	B J Wetherell	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Gary Fischer	John Harris			Kyle Fischer
Sun 9:00 am Aug 30	Nancy Baker	Dale Venzke Deidra & Maggie Baker	Pastor Al Kruse			Michael Hall
Sun 9:00 am Sept 6	Steve Green Family	Larry Bartlett Phyllis & Duane Hagensick	Cynthia Fischer	Deidra Baker Bill Ebert	Dick & Connie Humston	Fletcher Green

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.

Update on Bobbi Schmidt:

I wanted to let you know about some major changes for me in the past two months. Fund raising was not going well so I made the decision to leave YFC. So I will not be going to Botswana, instead, I will be going to Mozambique to teach English at an orphan school run by a family I know there. I will be leaving mid-September and will return end of April. After that I hope to continue on the mission field wherever God leads. I will still need donations, but instead of sending them to YFC, you can just give through Immanuel, marking it in the memo field "Bobbi Schmidt Missionary Fund". Thank you Immanuel Lutheran for all your support, I really appreciate it! Bobbi

Book Club

At our first Book Club meeting we picked the books for the next two months. We'll plan to meet once a month, on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6pm – 8pm at Dodici's coffee shop:

August 12th book club meeting at 6pm, Dodici's coffee shop, we'll discuss:

The Tortilla Curtain, by TC Boyle

September 9th book club meeting at 6pm, Dodici's coffee shop, we'll discuss:

The Reluctant Fundamentalist, by Mohsin Hamid

Vacation Bible School Thanks!!!!

A big “thank you” to the congregation for your help and support for this year’s Vacation Bible School (VBS), Son Rock Kids Camp: A series of lessons on the life of Jesus. We had between 45 and 50 students attending each evening, 23 were preschool aged. The students were a joy and everyone had a good time.

The 5th and 6th graders participated in service projects and learned about service projects the church or members have been involved with. Jane Kruse taught them to make the communion bread. Brad Sievers spoke to them about the water treatment program he participated in. They played Bingo at the Care Center with Lynette Sievers and put together health kit supplies for people in need in Africa.

Preschool through fourth grade students participated in rotating stations. A special thank you to the organizers and leaders of those stations; music by Julie Hill, crafts with Linda Brown and Vicki Rebling (thanks to Allison for helping decorate that station), snacks with Judy Venzke, Yolanda Batista and Valentina Marcelino, lessons with retired Pastor Al, games lead by Ashley Rausch with assistance from Jenny Seubert, Elaney England, and service projects with Pastor Steve and Lee Buchholz. Thanks to all the guides who took care of groups each day: Barb Matheson, Diane Martin, Corrine Martin, Jane Kruse, Kathy Dea, Lynette Sievers, Betty Warren, Brad & Tricia Kroll, Dawn Brown and a number of parents whose names I didn’t get and all those I forgot to mention.

Special thanks also to Kathy Dea for providing the meal, Bill Ebert for cooking the hotdogs, and Richard Schmidt for providing the ice cream for dessert. It was lots of fun to see so many families there. The games were fun to watch and play!

Thank you Deb Shepherd for the set up, organization, promotion, gifts and all the behind the scenes work! Thanks everyone! It was a great week!

The Lutheran World Relief truck is due to come through our area October 17th. Supplies to fill the school kits are purchased, ready to fill the bags. However, we need help making these school kit bags. We have enough heavy fabric, and several HOPE members (Helping Other People Everywhere) have many of these bags already cut out. WE NEED HELP SEWING THEM.

There will be a table in the hall with cut-out bags and handles, ready to be sewn. There will be directions, and examples on the tables. Won't you take some home and sew them up to help this project along? We are not asking for your money, or your shopping time. That's already been taken care of. Now we need help sewing these bags.

(If you would like to help cut out these bags, we can use that help too. We will meet on Tuesday mornings at the church at 9:30. Bring a pair of sharp scissors and be prepared for the warm feeling you get when you are helping others who need these supplies to learn.)

These school kits are our gifts directly to children and adults eager to learn. They have no learning tools. These gifts, made and given with our hands, will not be diverted into the wrong hands. Where there is often graft with monetary gifts, there is not that issue with school kits. They are sent directly, and those who might keep money for themselves will not find that temptation with a carton of school kits. The children of the third world need these supplies. Won't you help send them?

"Gather All Generations"

Stewardship & Finance will be kicking off a fall campaign using our theme "Gather All Generations Around the Word of Christ" Since 2002 we have followed our mission statement "Gather All Generations Around the Word of Christ". In an effort to show how Christian giving differs thru the generations, we are pleased to announce that we will be having guest speakers of different age groups from our congregation explain giving from their perspective. To culminate this event we will be featuring Pastor Gloria Dovere, from the SEIA Synod, on September 20. Last year we did not hold a stewardship campaign so we are encouraging everyone to prayerfully consider what "gifts" they will be sharing in 2010.

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"We hope to see a big increase in health kits as a result of fall ingathering contributions," says Melanie Gibbons, LWR's Parish Projects Coordinator. Ingatherings are events at which churches, service groups and individuals meet regionally to consolidate and ship their quilts and kits in bulk to LWR's warehouses. Many such ingatherings occur in October and November throughout the U.S.

"Kits not only send a tangible message of God's love amidst suffering, they also save lives. Health kits, in particular, help families stay healthy in difficult living conditions," says Brenda Meier, LWR's Director for Congregation and Community Engagement.

"If you already have a kit making ministry, we are asking that you send as many health kits as you can. If your church or service group does not yet have a ministry, it is a great way to engage people of all ages in service to their brothers and sisters in need," says Gibbons.

In addition to the critical need for health kits, LWR continues to work to meet the requests for quilts, school kits, sewing kits, layettes and soap. Instructions for making health kits, as well as how to assemble other kits and material aid items, are available on the LWR website at lwr.org/beinvolved. Or call 1-800-LWR-LWR-2 to request a copy of "Be Involved," a free resource that includes instructions on kit making.

My Story

By Charles Opiro

On Sunday, July 26 we had a guest speaker, Charles Opiro, a young man from Uganda, that told of his life story of being a boy soldier at the age of 10 (he is now 20). He relayed how the rebels had captured him and made him do all kinds of terrible things to spare his life, to prove he was a man. It's amazing the young man is still alive, his story is incredible. Charles had been on RAGBRAI all week and was very tired and hard to understand. We have printed copies of Charles story available at the Church under the mailboxes if you are interested in reading about him. Pastor Steve is a supporter of "Child Voice" ministry that Charles and his sponsor Conrad Mandsager are involved with. We will be hearing more about this in the future.

Symbols

God provides food for all the animals. Here is a crossword puzzle of animals. Can you figure out what the animals are and fill in the names?

1. Across



4. Across



6. Across



8. Across



1. Down



2. Down



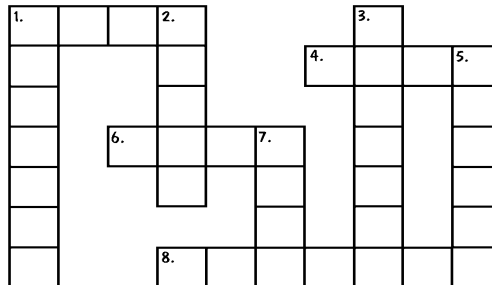
3. Down



5. Down



7. Down



Update on Heifer Project

The kids are still collecting offering to purchase a heifer for a family in need. As of the end of June a total of \$434.21 has been collected in the offering tube that sits on the altar for the children to use. Keep up the good work! Your goal will be reached soon!!!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries for August

BIRTHDAYS

1 Phyllis Hagensick	15 Mikaila Matheson
1 Connie Humston	15 Mary Chmelar
1 Mike Sells	15 Ike Glinsmann
1 Angela Six	15 Joyce Westen
1 Maggie Roth	17 Ed Burdock
2 Carrie Humston	18 Helen DeWolf
3 Rose Lloyd	19 Alan Rebling
3 Tom Lyons	22 Carson Steffen
4 Pam Keyworth	23 Joan Johnston
5 Paige Wagner	24 Marilyn Dennis
7 Madaleen Newhouse	24 Sandy McAvoy
8 Kristin Jones	24 Katie Sands
11 Alex Coker	26 Matthew Hultquist
12 Cindy Gonterman	26 Linda Venzke
12 Claire Wubbena	29 Maggie Baker
12 Judy Venzke	30 Tom Tanner
13 Carly Quinn	30 Ashley Wagner
	31 Mike Jewell

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jack & Margaret Quigley
2 AJ & Kim Lewis
5 Jim & Linda Six
6 Jeff & Sharlene Soper
7 Rod & Julie Hill
7 Scott & Michelle Bartholomew
9 Peter & Sandy Weller
10 Grant & Diana Wubbena
12 Al & Kathy Evans
18 Mike & Sharon Boner
18 Brad & Tricia Kroll
18 Duane & Phyllis Hagensick
23 Dave & Rhonda Steele
30 Dennis & Sherry Ives