

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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1226 East Washington Washington, IA 319-653-3950

**October , 2009**

**Sunday Worship**

**8:00AM  
& 10:30 AM  
Sunday School at  
9:15 AM**

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

**Snipe Hunt**

**October 18**

**Christian Banquet**

**October 24**

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## Salvation Through Grace by Peter Weller

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses on the church door at Wittenberg in Germany, and he offered to debate and defend his positions against all challengers. Luther specifically objected to the Catholic Church's practice at that time of selling indulgences, whereby payment made to the Church by surviving family members or relatives could shorten the time spent by the deceased in purgatory.

Luther could not have imagined at the time, that his challenging Church practices and doctrines would launch a Reformation, turn the world of organized religion upside down, and lead to a series of religious wars and political upheaval throughout Europe that did not end until after the Treaty of Westphalia was signed in 1648. Certainly, not everything that occurred in the nearly 130 years following events of October 31, 1517 can be attributed to Luther, but his act on that day started the Reformation.

An analysis of the Reformation's causes, as well as the sequence of events and the results that flowed from it, lies well beyond the scope of this column. Suffice it to say, however, that Martin Luther was deeply influenced by the writings of Paul, especially his letter to the Romans. And from Paul, Luther developed his concept of salvation by grace through faith.

Paul writes, "Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped. and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human being will be justified in his sight by works of the law, since through the law comes knowledge of sin."

"But now, the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies him who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:19-26)

This is the heart of Paul's thinking, his beliefs, his message, and his understanding of God's grace, God's great love, and God's enormous capacity to forgive and to grant eternal life. It was almost 1,500 years later before another human being, Martin Luther, upon reading Paul's words, saw this connection, that salvation by grace through faith is God's greatest gift to us. This is one of those rare moments in modern world history where the voice of God spoke so clearly through the voice of one human being (Luther) and changed how we think about how we relate to God and to the Church, to whom we confess sins and from whom we receive forgiveness and are granted salvation.

## Monthly Updates

### September Attendance

September 5	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>95</u>
September 13	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>59</u>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>92</u>
September 20	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>32</u>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>101</u>
September 27	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>86</u>

### General Fund Gifts - August

1/12 <sup>th</sup> of annual budget =	\$ 13,814.75
August 2	1,605.30
August 9	2,382.50
August 16	2,305.00
August 23	1,750.00
August 30	1,577.50
Simply Giving	<u>2,096.00</u>
August \$	11,716.30
July \$	9,746.58

### “Building Fund Gifts” - August

Monthly mortgage payment -	\$3,422.55
August 2	\$ 80.00
August 9	555.00
August 16	265.00
August 23	345.00
August 30	190.00
Simply Giving	<u>760.00</u>
August \$	2,195.00
July \$	2,572.00

At this time we have payments made through September. Next payment due 10/23/09.

### 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]

### Henry/Washington Counties Annual Meeting

All Thrivent members and their guests are welcome to attend. This is a free event which should be informative and entertaining. It is October 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday evening, with the meal served at 6 pm. H.U.G.S. will serve buffet style stuffed boneless pork chops, seasoned red potatoes, Snickers apple salad, 7 layer salad, and dessert.

Our guest speaker is humorist Craig Grothe who will present a motivational talk that he considers to be 80% humor and 20% motivation. Come and see if he's right. There will be a short meeting followed by drawings for several great prizes. Reservations are made with Glenda Alvine, [mhalvine@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mhalvine@iowatelecom.net) or 319 254-2353 or locally, contact Dale or Judy Venzke 653-3820. Deadline is the end of the evening on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Worship Service Time Change!!

Worship 8:00AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

### Thank You for Meals on Wheels Helpers

Special thanks to all of those that helped with Meals on Wheels this year: Dale & Judy Venzke, Tom Tanner, Jim Gallagher & Al Olson, Ted & Vi Kruse, and Pastor Al & Jane Kruse. It is such a joy for the people to receive the meals, they really do appreciate the contact! Thanks, Charlane Tanner

### BOOK CLUB

Don't forget that the Book Club will be reviewing Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Reed on October 14 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Dodici Coffee Shop. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Council Members for 2009: Sarah Hernandez (Ed/Youth) 653-3038 - Kathy Dea [Sec.] (Ed/Youth) 653-6097 Kate Glinsmann (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

Wondering Worshipers

Nita Lovick  
Augustana Lutheran Church  
August 30, 2009  
Boone, IA

**Christian Banquet Date**

OCTOBER 24, 2009

October 24th is quickly approaching. We will accept donations of any new merchandise, hand made craft items or any baked goods for the Banquet . Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00. See page 6 for more information.

Every morning I spend 15 minutes filling my mind full of God; and so there's no room left for worry thoughts.  
- Howard Chandler Christy

**Fall Clothing Sale Sept 12**

Thanks to everyone who contributed clothing, baked goods or their time and energy to our fall clothing and bake sale. We raised just over \$1100 with Thrivent's supplementation. That's a lot of clothes!! The proceeds will benefit members with medical expenses and ChildVoice International.

**Ladies Night Out**

October's Ladies Night Out will be held at Ila Miller's home at 1012 Juniper, Wellman. We met there last year and it was very enjoyable. We will meet at the church at 5:30 and carpool. She will serve baked chicken with a vegetable, salad, roll and dessert for \$10. This does not include the tip or tax. All women of the church are invited. You will need to RSVP by signing up at church under the mailboxes or by calling Lynette (653-6945) on or before October 16.

**CROP WALK**

CROP Walk will be held October 11 with lunch at noon in Central Park and the walk to begin at 12:30. Please see Gary Brown if you are interested in walking or pledging.



CHILD VOICE INTERNATIONAL is an organization for displaced persons from civil war in Uganda. The stories coming from them are horrific. The director,

Conrad Monsager, and a grown-up child soldier Charles, visited our church this summer, and expressed their need for a pick up truck. Conrad talked to a few members and told them a used Toyota pick up, could be purchased in Uganda for \$20,000. (Toyota is the company that has spare parts available all over the world.) It is time we challenge ourselves with a MAJOR project to help others. Let's try to help others in this, our 50<sup>th</sup> year. By the time our Anniversary rolls around (September 2010) we hope to have raised the funds to help purchase a USED PICK UP TRUCK FOR CHILD VOICE INTERNATIONAL. [We are not the only congregation raising funds.]

Won't you help by contributing regularly to this project? There are special envelopes in your pew. If every family were to consistently contribute the one-dollar bills in their pockets and purses on Sundays, these would add up over time and the dream of a used pick up truck could become a reality. (Please don't seal your envelope shut... we can put it back in the pew and reuse it next Sunday.)

Let us set aside our own needs for just this year, and concentrate on this critical project in another part of the world.

**The Fall Cluster 7 Women's Gathering**

Trinity Lutheran of Tipton is the host church . The date is Saturday, Oct. 17 with registration starting at 8:30 am. Pastor Donitta Moeller from Tipton will lead a Bible study. Our guest speaker, Marcia Wegman , is a professional pastel artist. She traveled to Lithuania and Latvia as a Heifer International observer. Her presentation will be a combination of her art and her knowledge about the Heifer project. The money our children drop in the clear tube each Sunday is being saved to buy a heifer. There will be a short business meeting. Several door prizes will be drawn. The gathering closes after the noon luncheon. Come enjoy a pleasant, informative morning and meet other "Bold" women of God. The sign up sheet is on the hallway table. The love gifts you may bring if you wish would be items to put in a health kit: hand towel, wash cloth, toothbrush in original container, ¾ or 1 inch band aids, sturdy comb or pick, metal file or nail clipper with metal file, 3.5 to 4 oz. bar of bath soap in wrapper. All women in our church and their guests are welcome. Sign up at the hall table or call Judy Venzke for reservations 653-3820.

## Worship Leaders

<b>OCTOBER 2009</b>	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Setup/ Cleanup	Acolyte
Sun Oct 4 8:00 am	Diane Morgan Corrine Martin	Larry Bartlett Phyllis & Duane Hagensick	Kyle Fischer	Gary Fischer Deb Shepherd Lee Buchholz Sherry Ives	B J Wetherell	Kyle Fischer
10:30 am	Richard & Carolyn Schmidt	Ryan Hall Family	James Bennett	John Harris J. Bennett Jane Kruse	Kruse/ Hagensick	Michael Hall
Sun Oct 11 8:00 am	Ken & Susan Baker	Kristin Jones Family	Kristin Jones			Marty Baker
10:30 am	Jim & Lynette Sievers	Brian Lueck John Harris Peg Harris	B J Wetherell			Shayna Blitsch
Sun Oct 18 8:00 am	Tom & Mary Gail Lyons	Tom Tanner Jim Gallagher Gary Fischer	Maggie Baker	Kristin Jones Kyle Fischer Deidra & Maggie Baker	Larry Bartlett	Nicholas Todd
10:30 am	Nita Lovick	Mark Kendall Dave Steele Richard Schmidt	Monique Rausch	Ann Bennett Larry & Sara Bartlett Linda Six	Mike & Judy Sells	Grant Hill
Sun Oct 25 8:00 am <b>Reformation</b>	Kathy & Bill Ebert	Ken Erickson Deidra Baker Marty Baker	Deb Shepherd	Maggie Baker B&K Ebert Deb Shepherd	Kruse/ Hagensick	Maggie Baker
10:30 am <b>Reformation</b>	Brian Lueck Family	Dale Venzke Yaro & Mary Chmelar	Jason Rausch	Jason Rausch Brian Lueck John & Peg Harris	Kruse/ Hagensick	Jenny Seubert
Sun <b>Nov 1</b> 8:00 am	Betty Warren Pam Keyworth	Larry Bartlett Phyllis & Duane Hagensick	Gary Fischer	T&MG Lyons B & K Ebert	Larry Bartlett	Marty Baker
10:30 am	John & Peg Harris	Ryan Hall Family	Ann Bennett	J&L Sievers Y&M Chmelar	Larry Bartlett	Megan Hill

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.

### No Fall Bazaar

There has been discussion about a bazaar in November which would have had home made items, a bake sale, rummage items and the gift items from SERRV. This will not happen this year. But.....SERRV Items Will Be Available. Tables will be set up in mid Octobers with the handcrafts from craftsmen mainly in third world countries. It's an effort to give people a livable, steady income. We have supported this sales project for several years. Chocolate bars will be sold. Necklaces from Child Voice International will be sold. Any handmade items people would like to donate will be sold. All the profit except the necklaces goes to H.O.P.E. (helping other people everywhere). That money will be used for Lutheran World Relief projects such as quilts, school kits, layettes, and health kits. We will have catalogues so you may choose items to order if we don't have them available. The committee members are Doris Moore, Linda Brown, and Judy Venzke.

# Luther League Schedule 2009

October 4	Kinnick cleanup meet at church 7:00 am
October 11	Kinnick cleanup meet at church 7:00 am
October 18	All meet hayrack ride at Chmelar's meet at church 6;30 pm
October 25	All meet haunted house or forest time TBD
November 1	Kinnick cleanup meet at church 7:00 am

## LUTHER LEAGUE REPORT

We are already having a busy year and we just got started. We kicked off the Luther League Season this summer with a trip to New Orleans with the High School Group. We attended the ELCA National Youth Convention at the Louisiana Super Dome and Convention Center. We took 9 kids and 3 adults and had a wonderful time. There were 40,000 youth in attendance and the New Orleans people showed us their southern hospitality.

We were able to do some service work, tour the city, shop and most importantly, praise God. Bishop Hansen was in attendance and was "rapping" and "dancing" along with AGAPE and the house band. It was lots of fun and the kids really enjoyed the trip.

Since then, we have had our annual "lockin" where we went to Bakers Farm and played blind volleyball, ate somores, and enjoyed a beautiful summer night. We then went to the Junior High Gym and played dodgeball, wiffleball, and noddle hockey. Don't ask! We then went back to the church to play more games, watch movies and then get everyone ready for the breakfast that we served to show our appreciation to the congregation for all of their support.

Last week, we took the kids to the high ropes course at Langwood in Lousia County. We had a ball do the Zip line, high ropes, the leap of faith. We had about a dozen kids that went. I even did the leap of faith which consists of climbing to the top of a 30' wooden pole that is only about the size if a dime at the top and then I am supposed to stand up on two feet, then if that isn't bad enough, jump out about 100 feet to a trapeze that is out in front of me. Well, I might be exaggerating just a bit, but you get the idea. The kids obviously handled that leap better than I did. I did make it and they brought me back down to earth.

We have also been cleaning Kinnick stadium as part of our fund raiser and we have had awesome turnouts for the kids and the adults. As you may know, this is our big fund raiser for our group,. We make around \$5,000 a season doing this. A special thanks to Tom Lyons who makes sure that we are gassed up and ready to go each week.

We just completed a service project of putting school kits together. We had a huge turnout of kids and they filled 300 kits in less than an hour. Great Job!!

Upcoming events include a hay rack ride at Chmeler's, a haunted house or haunted forest type trip and a pizza party just to name a few.

As always, we encourage the kids to bring their friends. We have two groups. A high school group, 9-12 and a Junior high group 6-8. We do all meet from time to time.

Thanks so much for allowing us to have fun with your kids. They truly are awesome!!

God Bless!

Jason and Monique Rausch

Steve and Pam Green

Rich and Deidra Baker

# Christian Banquet

Saturday, October 24, 2009

## Prime Rib Dinner

Or Chicken Breast

Catered by Jerry & Margie's Catering  
from Riverside, IA

Carry-out available

5:00 PM Beverages available

6:00 PM Mealtime

7:00 PM Live Auction

Featured items:

**3 HD LDC TV'S**

**ONE FOR THE AUCTION, ONE FOR THE BALLOON GAME,  
AND ONE FOR THE RAFFLE**



**HOMEMADE PIES  
HANDCRAFTED  
WOODEN EAGLE  
FRAMED ART  
GIFT CERTIFICATES**



This is fundraiser for Immanuel  
Come and enjoy a night of fellowship  
and fun in a Christian atmosphere

Ticket price is \$25.00 with a limited number of tickets for sale.

Tickets are on sale now between church services

contact Mike Sells 653-5873

or the office at 653-3950

## BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

1 James Almelien  
5 Linda Brown  
6 Aaron Six  
7 Brent Borchardt  
8 Peter Edwards  
8 Donna Manfull  
8 Madelyn Westen  
8 Cale Rausch  
11 Logan Mohr  
12 Jenny Seubert  
13 Alison Greiner  
14 Glen Fults  
14 Doris Moore  
14 Steve Green  
15 Kristin Blessman  
15 Jill Newhouse  
16 Mark Rueckert  
16 Stan Jones  
  
17 Earnest Wampfler  
17 Emma Lueck  
19 Dave Steele  
20 Ronald Brown  
21 Ross Anderson  
21 John Harris  
21 Shirley Juhl  
22 Dale Gonterman  
22 Charlane Tanner  
23 Deb Simmering  
24 Betty Warren  
24 Shannon Steele  
25 Linda Six  
26 Dave Simmering  
27 Laurie Wittmayer-ONEill  
28 Craig Bartholomew  
31 Mark Erickson

## ANNIVERSARIES

5 Rich & Deidra Baker  
5 Mark & Candace Erickson  
11 Mike & Judy Sells  
14 Ted & Vi Kruse  
15 Wes & Carol Madsen  
16 Ryan & Kerri Hall  
16 Oscar & Sarah Hernandez  
18 Pastor Al & Jane Kruse  
24 Ron & Linda Brown  
28 Deb & Dave Simmering