

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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January, 2010

Sunday Worship

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

**Our mission:
Gather All Genera-
tions Around the
Word of Christ**

50th Anniversary

Celebration

September 19, 2010

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Jesus Early Ministry by Peter Weller

Two gospel lessons for January come from John and Luke and focus on very early events in Jesus' ministry. He had already begun to attract a following, Andrew, Simon, Philip, and Nathanael had answered his call to follow him and be his disciples.

At Cana, a town about six miles north of Nazareth, Jesus and his mother, Mary, and his disciples were guests at a wedding. During the festivities, Mary informed Jesus that the host had run out of wine, and she implied that Jesus should "do something" about that. Jesus resisted saying to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and me? My hour has not yet come." Such a reply suggests that Jesus did not think this to be the time or the place where he should choose to reveal himself or impress the guests with any display of miraculous powers.

Yet, his mother ignored his comments and told the servants to "Do whatever he tells you." Jesus directed them to fill five large 30-gallon jars with water and to draw out a sample to take to the steward. Upon tasting it, and not knowing where it had come from, the steward pronounced it to be an excellent wine, better than what was served at the beginning of the feast. John tells us that the servants knew where this wine had come from, but he said nothing further about their reaction. But, he adds that this is the first of miracles that Jesus performed and that his disciples believed in him. (John 2:1-11)

Luke tells us that after successfully resisting the temptation of the devil and being filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, and he was praised by everyone. In the synagogue in Nazareth, he read from the book of Isaiah (61:1-2): "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of the sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke says that the eyes of all present were fixed on Jesus, and then he told them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:12-21)

Jesus' profound statement about his identity was met with skepticism. "Is this not Joseph's son?" they asked. Luke adds, "All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth." But, did they believe? Could one of their own hometown boys truly rise to such a stature, that he could dare to say, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."? Jesus sensed that they did not believe and could not accept such a proposition, and he scolded them soundly for their lack of acceptance and for desiring a show of miracles. Enraged, they wanted to throw him off the cliff at the edge of town, but he escaped. (Luke 4:22-30)

But what about us? How do we come to believe? Paul writes, "In Christ, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us ... In Christ, you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:7-8, 13-14)

It is by God's glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us through his son Jesus, who was offered as a sacrifice for the sins of all, and through resurrection, he conquered death. And, it is by the gift of the Holy Spirit that we know Jesus as the light of the world and the way to salvation.

Monthly Updates

December Attendance

December 6	8:00 am	54
	10:30 am	145
December 13	8:00 am	50
	10:30 am	79
December 20	8:00 am	67
	10:30 am	71
December 24	5:30 pm	118
	11:00 pm	37
December 27	8:00 am	37
	10:30 am	39

General Fund Gifts - November

1/12 th of annual budget =	\$ 13,814.75
November 1	3,010.00
November 8	1,903.50
November 15	1,823.24
November 22	2,062.00
November 29	1,502.86
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>2,503.00</u>
November \$	12,804.60
October \$	10,101.80

“Building Fund Gifts” - November

Monthly mortgage payment -	\$3,422.55
November 1	685.00
November 8	335.00
November 15	415.00
November 22	260.00
November 29	145.00
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>790.00</u>
November \$	2,630.00
October \$	4,075.00

At this time we have payments made through January. Next payment due 2/23/10.

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]

Council Members for 2010: Ed Burdock (Ed/Youth) 653-2495 - Kathy Dea (Ed/Youth) 653-6097 Kate Glinsmann (Ed/Youth) 653-7314 - Marty Westen (W/E) 653-6021 - Linda Six (W/E) 657-3411 - 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 - Gary Fischer (Stew/Fin) 653-2098 - Mark Kendall (Stew/Fin) -653-6561

Fortnightly Dinner

Another money raiser for H.O.P.E. is the serving of the Valentines Fortnightly Dinner. It will be Tuesday, Feb. 9 with serving starting at 12:15 p.m. We will be asking for donations of food from our members to help cut the expenses of preparation. All profit goes to H.O.P.E. Contact person is Kathy Ebert 653-3950. Watch for the signup under the mailboxes.

Crafts/Chocolates Project

Thanks to everyone who stopped at our SERRV tables this holiday season. We had homemade crafts from people in poorer areas of the world who had joined into co-ops to earn enough for a normal family life. Sunday, Jan. 3, is the last day for the display. There are still several great items that you might consider buying for future gifts. We especially would like to sell the chocolate as it can't be returned. We also still have three crocheted neck scarves that Alita Start donated so the money could go to H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everywhere). Several were sold as well as smaller crocheted items. Doris Moore and Jane Kruse donated breads. Approximately twelve necklaces were sold for Child Voice. That money was given to Lynette Sievers to send to the organization. Judy Venzke crocheted around 5 plastic clothes hangers to help keep slippery clothing hung up. Our profit to our Lutheran World Relief projects will be around \$350. The winners of the drawings will be in the January 10 bulletin.

BOOK CLUB– January 13

Don't forget that this month the Book Club will be reviewing - One Simple Act: Discovering the Power of Generosity by Debbie Macomber January 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Dodici Coffee Shop. Everyone is welcome to attend! (It was necessary to postpone the December session due to the weather, so we are reviewing the book from last month.)

Wandering Worshipers

Nita Lovick

December 6, 2009

Faith United Methodist Church
Ft. Smith , Arkansas

Richard & Carolyn Schmidt

December 13 , 2009

North Liberty, IA

Yaro & Mary Chmelar

December 27, 2009

Green Lake United Methodist Church
Seattle WA

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will plan on meeting

January 19 6:00 p.m. at the new

Panda Palace

100 W Main, Washington. No reservations
needed!

Breakfast December 13

Hello Jim,

WOW!!! That's amazing, thank you so much for everything that you did for us. When we read about the breakfast we were so excited about what God did. The pictures are great, it looks like it was a delicious meal and that everyone was having an awesome time! We are sorry that we couldn't respond yesterday right away, we had a concert that we were preparing for with the youth. They were invited to sing as a worship group last night so we were busy organizing transportation and practicing. Thank you so much for this wonderful blessing, We are definitely glad that no one was hurt from the fire! It sounds like it could have been serious! Praise the Lord it was put out safely. We will keep you all in our prayers and please say a special thank you to all who came and supported our ministry. This support will really help us in what we are doing.

God Bless,
Nego & Ellen



Thanks to everyone who was so thoughtful and remembered us with Christmas gifts this Holiday Season. The staff at Immanuel



CHILD VOICE INTERNATIONAL

Our collection of loose dollars is in full swing. There are envelopes in the pews at church for the collection of

loose monies to try and buy a pickup truck for Child Voice use. It is our goal to collect as much as possible by the time of our Church's 50th celebration next September 19. As of December 31 we have collected \$3,464.02. This total also includes money from people working at Hawkeye concessions. Thanks to everyone that has contributed. This will change the lives of several people for the better.

Sunday School

The Christmas Pageant was a huge success! The kids, as always, did an awesome job. Thanks for all your hard work at the many practices this year and long hours at home memorizing your parts. It paid off.

I also need to thank Greg Wiley for his dedication of time, love and experience this fall. It took a lot of extra time at home planning and preparing in order to put on such a production as Immanuel.

Thanks also to Julie Hill for handling the music, the three fall teachers: Mary Gail Lyons, Linda Brown and Barb Matheson, for helping with all our little Shepherds and Angels. They were adorable and so good!! Thanks to members of Youth and Education Committee for stepping up and helping out making the treat bags, making the chrismsons, helping with costumes, helping with the kids, and with the potluck. Thanks to Dick Shepherd for donating popcorn for the treat bags, to Steve Green for videoing the pageant, to the adult actors: Kathy Ebert, Linda Brown, Mary Gail Lyons and Julie Hill for their performance, to Rich Baker for helping with sound, to Pastor Steve for all his support and encouragement, and to all the parents for dedication week after week making sure your kids got to the practices. I'm sure I have forgotten to name some of you, but please know how much we appreciate all of your efforts.

2010 Sunday School classes will officially begin Jan 10 (as there are still folks, including teachers, out of town over the 1st weekend). The older kids will now report to regular Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Teachers are:

Preschool - Linda Brown

Kindergarten - Barb Matheson

1st -2nd - Mary Gail Lyons

3rd -5th - Ed Burdock (Cynthia Fischer, substitute)

6th -8th - Lee Buchholz – Confirmation Class

Worship Leaders

January 2010	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Setup/Cleanup	Acolyte
Sun Jan 10 8:00 am	Duane & Phyllis Hagensick	Stan & Kristin Jones Family	Kristin Jones			Maggie Baker
10:30 am	Aaron Six Family	Brian Lueck John & Peg Harris	Monique Rausch			Vanessa Westen
Sun Jan 17 8:00 am	Rich Baker Family	Tom Tanner Jim Gallagher Gary Fischer	Maggie Baker	Jane Kruse Lee Buchholz Yaro Chmelar Sherry Ives	To be assigned	Kyle Fischer
10:30 am	Larry & Sara Bartlett	Mark Kendall Dave Steele Richard Schmidt	James Bennett	Jim & Lynette Sievers Sara & Larry Bartlett	To be assigned	Michael Hall
Sun Jan 24 8:00 am	Gary & Kathy Fischer	Deidra Baker Maggie Baker Marty Baker	Deb Shepherd			Jenny Seubert
10:30 am	Jan Newhouse	Ken Erickson Dale Venzke Jim Seivers	Ashley Rausch			Shayna Blitsch
Sun Jan 31 8:00 am	Deb Shepherd	Kathy & Bill Ebert Steve Vetter	Gary Fischer			Kyle Fischer
10:30 am	Ken & Naomi Erickson	Ryan Hall Family	Ann Bennett			Elaney England
Sun Feb 7 8:00 am	Ted & Vi Kruse	Deb Shepherd Phyllis & Duane Hagensick	Sherry Ives	Tom & Mary Gail Lyons	To be assigned	Marty Baker
10:30 am	Matt Steffen Family	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Jason Rausch	Linda Six John Harris	To be assigned	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.

Altar Guild—For anyone interested in serving on the Altar Guild there will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. (The Altar Guild takes care of the paraments for the altar and the communion setup and cleanup.) Mary Gail Lyons and Jane Kruse have agreed to chair the group. They are under the supervision of the Worship & Evangelism Team.

New Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals

Due to some generous contribution we were able to purchase 10 new ELW hymnals before the price increase on January 1. Several were purchased with memorial money from Les Grim. Thanks to all that did purchase the new copies.

Project Walk & Talk

Pastor Steve wants to know if anyone is interested in walking at church and having a bible study to go along with the walk. Please talk to him if you are interested.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

- 1 Bruce McAvoy
- 1 Adam Todd
- 3 Alissa Jewell
- 3 Rhonda Steele
- 4 Jennifer Bradley
- 4 Renee Buchholz
- 4 Kirk Harman
- 5 Matthew Newhouse
- 5 Christy Rueckert
- 6 Janola Rueckert
- 7 Naomi Erickson
- 7 Don McAvoy
- 8 Jim Six
- 8 Sherry Ives
- 9 Barbara Brooks
- 10 Denise Goodwin
- 10 Joseph Lyons
- 11 Jacob Sands
- 11 Marty Westen
- 12 Michael Hall
- 12 Madison Stalder
- 13 Taryn Pemberton
- 13 Sarah Hall
- 13 Eric Richmond
- 13 Peter Weller
- 14 Tricia Kroll
- 14 Oscar Hernandez
- 17 Brian Lueck
- 18 Janette Edwards
- 18 Mary Gail Lyons
- 26 Eldon Witthoft
- 26 Bekka Goodwin
- 28 Rodney Hill
- 29 Jim Gallagher
- 31 Ron Andersen
- 31 Andy Vetter

ANNIVERSARIES FOR JANUARY

- 12 Bob & Mary Bruty
- 15 Ronald & Brenda Carey
- 26 Megan & Jesus Ortiz