

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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1226 East Washington Washington, IA 319-653-3950

May, 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**

Spring Clothing Sale

May 15 7:00 Am—
Noon

Synod Assembly

May 20-22

Lutheran Church
of Hope WDSM

50th Anniversary
Celebration
September 19, 2010

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Pointing to the Holy Spirit by Peter J. Weller

In John's version of the Last Supper, after Judas left the room, Jesus shares some final thoughts with his disciples. He tells them, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him." (John 13:31) Jesus speaks as though this has already happened. A lot is going on here in these remaining moments of that meal and its aftermath, and it appears that the disciples are not really clued in on nuances of all that are occurring.

Just before Jesus said this to his disciples, he told Judas, "Do quickly what you are going to do." John writes that no one at the table knew why Jesus said this to Judas. Nor did they understand Jesus when he said to them, "Where I am going, you cannot come." Or later, "And, you know the way to the place where I am going." (John 13: 27, 33, and 14:4)

Jesus assures his disciples that they will not be abandoned, that he is in the Father, and the Father is in him, and then he tells them, ". . . the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. . . . If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you will believe." John 14:18, 21, and 26-29)

Yet, Jesus' trial and crucifixion left his disciples and followers greatly dispirited, and, following his resurrection, there was still some lingering doubt and also wonder and uncertainty as to what all this meant and whether these disciples and their followers could find the courage to proclaim boldly that this Jesus, who was crucified, was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God, the sacrifice for our sins, and who, by his suffering, death, and resurrection, would reconcile us to God.

All this changed with the events of Pentecost. On that day, through the work of the Holy Spirit, the followers of Jesus found their courage and their voice. In the book of Acts, Luke writes that ". . . suddenly, from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." (Acts 2:2-4)

This was not unnoticed by the general populace. To those familiar with those languages, these Galileans demonstrated a clear command of them and were not speaking gibberish. They asked, "What does this mean?" Or, they assumed that they were drunk.

But Peter, this fisherman, this disciple who had lost his courage, feared for his life, and betrayed Jesus, now finds his voice and courage. He can cite Old Testament prophecies from scripture as though he were a theologian. And, he is able to proclaim boldly and confidently to large crowds that Jesus is indeed the Christ and that God made him to be the Messiah. He urged all to repent and believe and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, so that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:14-47)

This is what Jesus pointed to at the Last Supper when he foretold of the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. And, it is one of the most powerful demonstrations of what God can accomplish through the work of the Holy Spirit. Christianity would not have become, nor could it have been sustained as a major world religion without the gift of, and the work of, the Holy Spirit.

Monthly Updates

March Attendance

April 1	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>63</u>
April 4	<u>7:00 am</u>	<u>103</u>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>97</u>
April 11	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>61</u>
April 18	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>53</u>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>100</u>
April 25	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<u>76</u>

General Fund Gifts - March

1/12 th of annual budget =	\$ 13,814.75
March 7	2,383.61
March 10	94.50
March 14	1,461.92
March 17	75.00
March 21	1,423.00
March 24	103.00
March 28	2,440.96
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>2,511.00</u>
March	\$ 10,492.99

February \$ 11,345.55

“Building Fund Gifts” - March

Monthly mortgage payment -	\$3,422.55
March 7	622.50
March 14	250.00
March 21	385.00
March 28	315.00
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>850.00</u>
February	\$ 2,422.50

February \$ 2,062.50

At this time we have payments made through May. Next payment due 6/23/10.

Simply Giving is now charging a monthly fee of .20 per transaction. Total March \$7.40.

Thrivent Leaders 2010

Chapter - Dorothy Grim, Mark Kendall, Ray Poe
Judy Venzke

Continuing Funds that can be contributed to:

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

[Make notation on check]

Thank- You

Thank you for supporting Washington Jr High's Operation Snowflake. With your support our 3rd annual event was a huge success!

The students came to learn about issues that affect their lives right now, including alcohol and drugs, relationships, diversity, bullying, respect and responsibility. The use of your wonderful facility is a very positive factor in the success of our day.

Rachel Meyer – Snowflake Director

Congratulation to Matt & Jayme on the birth of their daughter:

Ally Madelyn Steffen

April 8, 2010

7 # 18 1/4 " long

Ally joins her brother Noah 5 and her sister Carson 3 at home. The Steffen family lives at 3126 Whispering Lane, Riverside, IA and are members of Immanuel.

Harmony for Haiti

Thank you to everyone that performed, made desserts, donated money or helped in any other way to make the "Harmony for Haiti" benefit concert a big success. Over \$1900 was donated and Thrivent will add another \$500 to the project! The money will be split between Kids Against Hunger and a Christian mission in Haiti. Congratulations to the Sunday School children for their contribution that total of the money raised for Haiti. Between the money collected in the tube up front on the altar and their Sunday School donations they contributed a total of \$288.46. Thanks kids for your help!

BOOK CLUB– May 12

Book Club next scheduled meeting will be April 14 where we will be reviewing Coming Out of the Ice by Victor Herman - from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Dodici Coffee Shop. There are extra copies of the book available to borrow, contact Linda Venzke at 461-3657.

Council Members for 2010: Ed Burdock (Ed/Youth) 653-2495 - Kathy Dea[Sec't'y] (Ed/Youth) 653-6097 Kate Glinsmann (Ed/Youth) 653-7314 - Marty Westen [VP] (W/E) 653-6021 - Linda Six (W/E) 657-3411 - Mary Chmelar (W/E) 653-2043- Tom Lyons [Pres] (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

Wandering Worshipers

Yaro Chmelar
March 28, 2010
Cowboy Church of Lee County
Giddings, TX

Mary Chmelar
March 28, 2010
United Methodist Church
Washington, IA

Yaro & Mary Chmelar
Easter Sunday-April 4, 2010
Kenwood Park United Methodist Church
Cedar Rapids, IA

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will plan on meeting
May 18, 5:45 p.m. at the Church to carpool
and go to the Shamrock in Ainsworth
No reservations needed!

LWR Items to Cedar Rapids

LWR Quilts were shipped off to Cedar Rapids on April 16. Thanks to Pastor Al and Jane Kruse for driving our shipment along with the shipment from Keokuk to their destination, The H.O.P.E. women were able to send off 57 quilts, 156 health kits, 55 school kits and 85 layettes for a total of 353 pieces in 41 boxes. These items are greatly needed especially with all the recent earthquakes. This is an ongoing project so another shipment will be going out in the fall. Thanks to all of you for donating items to make these kits possible.

Congratulation to Rachel & Keary Quigley
on the birth if their daughter:
Kenzie Aliese Quigley
April 26, 2010
9# 7 oz 21" long
Kenzie's grandparents are Dave and Deb
Simmering and great-grandparents are
John & Rose Simmering

Thank You

I want to thank my church family for the loving support during my recent surgery. Your generosity of food, cards, flowers, visits and prayers were so wonderful. It all has helped in my quick recovery.
Mary Gail Lyons

Thrivent Fraternal8 May 2010**

So far this year, the Henry/Washington Chapter has supplemented 3 projects generated from out church: money for Alissa Jewell's mission work, money for Haiti and Kids against Hunger from the musical talent program, and money for Hamakua's new roof from a pork dinner. The total supplemented from Thrivent fraternal was \$1500.

Notice to Thrivent members:

There is a new program called Thrivent Choice. Thrivent financial is donating one million dollars to 10 chosen charities. The division of the money will be decided by our voting which ends in mid-May. Some of you may have already received an email with the title-Vote for the Organization of your Choice. Just open it up and vote. You also may go on www.thrivent.com and immediately you'll see the information about voting. The Thrivent quarterly magazine is will have information for voting. Dale V. received the email. Judy V. didn't so I went on line to vote. We haven't received the magazine yet. It takes very little time to do this and you'll be able to help one of the non-profit groups.

Christian Banquet -October 16

Christian Banquet will be help October 16, 2010 please save the date! For those of you that aren't familiar with the banquet, we have a very nice catered meal and an auction to raise funds for the Building Fund and also support some of Immanuel's other projects.
It's a fun night full of fellowship!

Worship Leaders

May 2010	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Setup/ Cleanup	Acolyte
Sun May 2 8:00 am	Tom & Charlane Tanner	Duane & Phyllis Hagensick Deb Shepherd	Maggie Baker		Linda Brown	Maggie Baker
10:30 am	Maggie Roth	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Al Olson		Ray & Alta Poe	Fletcher Green
Sun May 9 8:00 am	Duane & Phyllis Hagensick	Stan & Kristin Jones Family	Deb Shepherd			Marty Baker
10:30 am	Nita Lovick	Brian Lueck John & Peg Harris	Sherry Ives			Jacob Green
Sun May 16 8:00 am	Steve & Kathy Vetter	Tom Tanner Jim Gallagher Gary Fischer	Kyle Fischer	Tom Lyons Kathy & Bill Ebert	Linda Brown	Kyle Fischer
10:30 am	John & Peg Harris	Mark Kendall Dave Steele Richard Schmidt	Peter Weller	Linda Six Yaro Chmelar Sherry Ives	Alita Stark	Elaney England
Sun May 23 8:00 am	Stan Jones Family	Rich Baker Family	Bill Ebert			Jenny Seubert
10:30 am	Kristin Lucas Family	Ken Erickson Dale Venzke Jim Sievers	BJ Wetherell			Vanessa Westen
Sun May 30 8:00 am	Gary & Kathy Fischer	Bill & Kathy Ebert Steve Vetter	Linda Brown			Maggie Baker
10:30 am	Richard & Carolyn Schmidt	Ryan Hall Family	Julie Hill			Megan Hill
June 6 8:00 am	Al & Jane Kruse	Duane & Phyllis Hagensick Deb Shepherd	Deidra Baker	Al & Jane Kruse Deidra Baker		Marty Baker
10:30 am	Maggie Roth	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Lynette Sievers	Sara Bartlett Jim & Lynette Sievers		Grant 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.

SCHOOL KITS – School supplies are cheaper in the summer!

A total of 55 school kits were loaded on the Lutheran World Relief truck on April 16th. THANK YOU to the congregation of Immanuel for participating in this project from the 55 children somewhere in the world who will benefit from using them to learn. These supplies are a direct gift, from your hands to the hands of a child.

In March, we ask each member of the congregation to take a bag, or several bags, and fill them with the list provided. Each bag can be filled for less than \$10. Since the truck comes through each April (and October), we try to send as many filled bags as we can.

In the summer, school supplies are much cheaper. This is when we try to make a big push and purchase large quantities of them. Last summer we filled nearly 400 school bags with supplies we purchased on sale. We gathered the supplies, and the Luther League packed the bags. Be on the look out for items on sale! Purchase extras and we can use them to fill other bags.

The April drive just gets more school supplies into the hands of the children and adults who need them. Filling one or a few bags is affordable. When we send the MOST is in the fall, after the summer sales. If you would like to contribute money to this drive in the summer, we will be able to purchase more supplies. Contact Mary Chmelar for more information 653-2043.

Pictorial Directory for 2010

Thanks to everyone that helped with this project so far, by having your photo taken or helping at the sign-in tables to helping feed our photographers. They really enjoyed the royal treatment they received! If you were unable to have your photo taken and have one you would like to submit please contact the office at 653-3950. We might try and take some snapshots if you are interested in having that done.

HOPE needs HELP

The Lutheran World Relief HOPE Group (Helping Other People Everywhere) is planning to make extra quilts for the 50th Anniversary Celebration this fall. We are asking for help from the congregation.

We are blessed to have A LOT of fabric, but it must be cut into squares before it can be made into quilts. There is a table in the Narthex where you can pick up templates and directions and fabric. Won't you take some fabric home and cut squares for us? Bring your squares back to the church and we will work them up into quilts. If you can sew some pieces together for quilt tops we are also including directions with the templates.

We will use these quilts to decorate the church on September 19. After the 50th Anniversary Celebration we will box them up and send them off to Haiti, or wherever the Lutheran World Relief Organization finds the need the greatest.

20	40	60	80	100
120	140	160	180	200
220	240	260	280	300
320	340	360	380	400
420	440	460	480	500
520	540	560	580	600
620	640	660	680	700
720	740	760	780	800
820	840	860	880	900
920	940	960	980	1000
1020	1040	1060	1080	1100
1120	1140	1160	1180	1200
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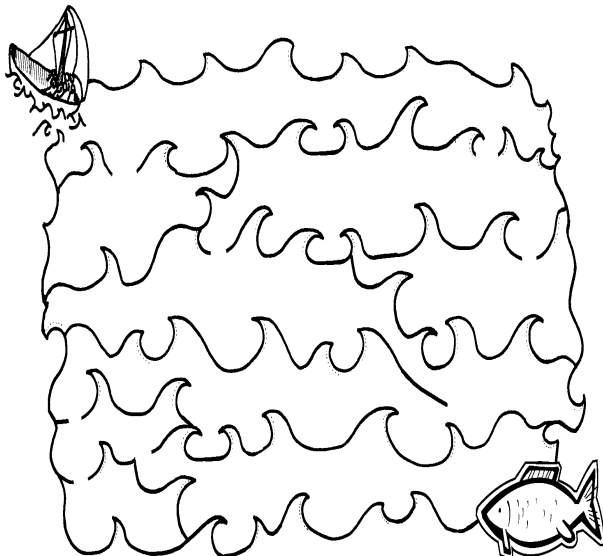
553 Project - The Building/Ground/Fellowship committee has launched the project of raising enough funds to install floor tile in the Fellowship hall from door to door. It will take 553 tiles to do so. Whether you can purchase just one tile for \$5 or make a larger donation we would like to be able to complete this project before our Anniversary on September 19, 2010. Envelopes on the poster in the hall or your donations can be sent to the church. \$1,530.00 raised by the end of April. The goal is \$2,765.00. This is an ongoing project, once the tile is complete we will raise funds to replace the entire carpet in the fellowship hall.

WHAT: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
WHO: 3 YRS OLD-6TH GRADE
WHEN: JULY -1 1-15 -6:00-8:00PM
WHERE: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
WHY: TO LEARN ALL ABOUT EGYPT-WHICH IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEARS ACTIVITIES
SIGN UP AT CHURCH IN JUNE

Kids Korner

Find the fish

Some of Jesus' disciples were fishers. Follow the maze to help them find the fish.



Crack the Code

Use this code to learn what Jesus said to the fishers.

a=*	f=☼	k=●	n=○	r=☺	u=☒
d=■	h=☾	l=★	o=*	s=✱	w=☆
e=◇	i=☺	m=⊕	p=⊗	t=▲	y=⇒

Answer: "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

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BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

1 Nancy Baker
1 Mike Todd
2 Jordan Anderson
2 Amanda Boner
4 Joe Bailey
5 Scott Bartholomew
7 Corrine Martin
8 Megan Hill
8 Colin Steele
10 Carol Burdock
11 Heather Harman
11 Darrell Boettcher
11 Brandon Statler
12 John Koehler
15 T J Rausch
16 Carol Woodruff
17 Terry O'Neill
18 Debra Tisor
19 Lucy Sands
19 Vanessa Westen
21 Ellie Todd
23 Steve Bartholomew
23 Ken Erickson
23 Mark Lowe
23 Mary Beth Talbot
26 Holly Harman
31 Yvonne Buster
31 Sandy Edwards
31 Greg Seubert

ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY

3 Matt & Jayme Steffen
7 Arthur & Jessica
Holtquist
9 Brad & Tosha Dorschner
12 Dale & Candace Talbot
Scheibe
14 David & Shannon Sells
14 Will & Jolene Parriott
15 Troy & Kelly Nash
18 Glen & Sandy Fults
29 Steve & Kathy Vetter