

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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June, 2010

## Sunday Worship

8:00AM  
& 9:30 AM

**PLEASE NOTE**  
change in  
Worship times

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

**50th Anniversary**  
**Celebration**  
**September 19,**  
**2010**

**Christian Banquet**  
**October 16, 2010**

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## The Proper Perception by Peter J. Weller

The gospel writer, Luke, tells of Jesus being invited to a meal at the home of a Pharisee named Simon. While he and the other guests were eating, a woman, who had learned that Jesus was at Simon's house, who is described as a sinner, who appeared to be a total stranger, and who was not an invited guest, entered the dining area carrying an alabaster jar of ointment. She proceeded to bathe Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. She kissed Jesus' feet repeatedly and anointed them with the ointment. (Luke 7:36-38)

Luke provides no information on how this uninvited woman was granted entry into the house and was able to proceed to the dining area unimpeded. Luke does not mention anyone, not even the host, Simon, being shocked to discover this uninvited stranger at the table bathing, kissing, and applying ointment to Jesus' feet.

Simon's only apparent reaction was to say to himself, "If this man [Jesus] were a prophet, he would have known what kind of woman this is who is touching him— that she is a sinner." In Simon's view, because she is a sinner, Jesus, as a righteous man, should have nothing to do with her.

Seeing into the heart and mind of Simon, Jesus responds by telling him the parable of two debtors who owed debts that they could not repay. One's debt was ten times that of the other. But the lender cancelled the debts of both. Jesus then asked Simon the question: which of the two, now freed from their debt, will love the lender more? Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt." Jesus replied, "You have judged rightly." At this point, Simon could feel proud, perhaps even a little smug. He had given the right answer. Possibly though, he could also be a bit worried; where is Jesus going with this?

Not finished, however, Jesus then turns the tables on Simon. In front of all those invited guests, he says to him, "Do you see this woman?" In other words, take a good look at her. Look at more than just her appearance, her clothing, her makeup. What do you really know about her, beyond what have you heard, or guessed, about her reputation, or lack of it. Is it true and accurate?

Jesus then gives Simon a dressing down: "I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." (Luke 7:39-47)

By what he says to Simon, Jesus implies a second question: Simon, do you see yourself? Take a good look, at your lifestyle, your sense of status, your sins, your self-righteousness. You observe the Law, and therefore, you feel little need for forgiveness. So, you boast in your self-righteousness and show little love or compassion toward those who need lots of forgiveness.

Listening to what Jesus says here, we must remind ourselves that it is not for us to judge or to condemn others for their misfortunes or circumstances. There may well be more to the story than we know. Rather, we should show love, kindness, compassion, mercy, and forgiveness toward those who need them. Jesus showed us his mercy by taking upon himself the punishment that should have been ours. And through God's grace, we receive the forgiveness earned by Jesus Christ on the cross. Our sins, though many, have indeed been forgiven.

## Monthly Updates

### May Attendance

May 2	8:00 am	51
	10:30 am	61
May 9	8:00 am	63
	10:30 am	110
May 16	8:00 am	51
	10:30 am	69
May 23	8:00 am	62
	10:30 am	44
May 30	8:00 am	42
	10:30 am	57

### General Fund Gifts - April

1/12 <sup>th</sup> of annual budget = \$ 13,814.75	
April 4	3,527.00
April 11	1,524.00
April 18	1,908.25
April 25	1,660.00
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>2,744.00</u>
April	\$ 11,363.25
March	\$ 10,492.99

### “Building Fund Gifts” - April

Monthly mortgage payment - \$3,422.55	
April 4	630.00
April 11	835.00
April 18	476.25
April 25	270.00
<i>Simply Giving</i>	<u>770.00</u>
April	\$ 2,981.25
March	\$ 2,422.50

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 May \$6.80.

### 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	
Membership Assistance	

[Make notation on check]

### Reminder Vacation Bible school is July 11-15

There is a registration form included in the newsletter.

**Summer Worship Schedule**  
**Sunday 8:00AM & 9:30**  
**NO Sunday School**

Thank you to all our friends at Immanuel Lutheran for the beautiful cards, memorial gifts and comforting messages sent at the death of my mom, Pat Rash. Your friendship and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. To all of you, special thanks for your thoughts, prayers and cards to help us at this difficult time.

Sincerely, Nancy Rash & Lyle Moen

### Congratulations Grads!

We would like to congratulate all of the members from Immanuel that graduated from high school: Kyle Fischer, Robert Seubert, Katie Gaughan and Dakota Flory.

Also college graduates: Jodi Ebert, John Koehler, Kelsey Sievers, Shannon Steele, Pete Glinsmann and Joseph Lyons. Good Luck with your future plans!

If you have a graduate not included please contact the office 653-3950 we'll include next month.

### BOOK CLUB- June 9

Book Club next scheduled meeting will be June 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Dodici Coffee Shop. We will be discussing the book “Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants”. Contact Linda Venzke at 461-3657 with any questions

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

Dorothy Grim  
May 9, 2010  
Noelridge Christian Church  
Cedar Rapids, IA

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## 50th Anniversary Celebration

This is just another quick reminder that Immanuel's 50th Anniversary celebration will be held Sunday, September 19, 2010. Please watch in upcoming newsletters for a list of activities

### Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will plan on meeting June 15, 6:00 p.m. at the Taste of China  
No reservations needed!

### Soap for H.O.P.E.

(Helping Other People Everywhere)

The Lutheran World Relief kit makers are in need of many more regular bars of soap to complete Health Kits and layettes for next Fall's shipment to Lutheran World Relief. Please donate unwrapped bars of soap in the marked containers on the table in the narthex by the sanctuary.

We are also in need of any left over sewing thread you might have at your house.

It can be any color and any amount on the spool of thread.

Also a gentle reminder about filling school kit bags. Remember to watch for items on sale to fill the school kits.

The Stewardship & Finance team would like to keep the congregation informed. We promised the congregation that we would contribute \$1,000 a month to Synod during 2010. We have sent \$1,000 through April 30, 2010 and would like to borrow on the line of credit an additional \$3,000 to bring our year to date contribution current. We are also looking at a bill of \$2,847.89 to pay for all of the sewer line problems that had to be taken care of and another \$1,032.55 for a new window that was installed. With the summer months almost upon us we are quite concerned about paying the bills that have incurred. This will be discussed at the Council meeting on Tuesday night. The Stewardship & Finance teams feels we should use the line of credit we have in place to take care of these obligation. Our current line of credit is at \$11,000 and we have the capability of borrowing up to \$20,000 (an additional \$9,000) We have strong faith in this congregation and God to see us through this temporary need for extra funds. (printed in bulletin May 2, please see next page for results from meeting)

### 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!

If you are interested in helping with the organization of the auction please contact Mike Sells at 653-5873. The committee will begin meeting soon.

## Worship Leaders

<b>June 2010</b>	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Setup/ Cleanup	Acolyte
Sun June 6 8:00 am	Al & Jane Kruse	Duane & Phyllis Hagensick Deb Shepherd	Deidra Baker	Al & Jane Kruse Deidra Baker		Marty Baker
9:30 am	Maggie Roth	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Lynette Sievers	Sara Bartlett Jim & Lynette Sievers		Grant Hill
Sun June 13 8:00 am	Ted & Vi Kruse	Stan & Kristin Jones Family	Ray Poe			Jenny Seubert
9:30 am	Cyndi Kindred	Brian Lueck John & Peg Harris	Mary Chmelar			Amanda Boner
Sun June 20 8:00 am	Deb Shepherd	Tom Tanner Jim Gallagher Gary Fischer	Al Kruse	Tom Lyons Bill & Kathy Ebert		
9:30 am	Tom & Lynne Zoulek	Mark Kendall Dave Steele Richard Schmidt	Peg Harris	Linda Six Yaro Chmelar Sherry Ives		Michael Hall
Sun June 27 8:00 am	Ken & Susan Baker	Rich Baker Family	Cynthia Fischer			Maggie Baker
9:30 am	Sherry Ives	Ken Erickson Dale Venzke Jim Sievers	Sara Bartlett			Shayna Blitsch
Sun July 4 8:00 am	Tom & Mary Gail Lyons	Duane & Phyllis Hagensick Deb Shepherd	Kristin Jones	Al & Jane Kruse Deidra Baker		Marty Baker
9:30 am	Dave Steele	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Jim Sievers	Sara Bartlett Jim & Lynette Sievers		Elaney England

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.

It was decided by Council on Tuesday, May 11 to catch up the commitment to the Synod of \$3,000 and pay for the sewer repair bills and the window by using the line of credit we have in place. It was also decided to start paying back the current line of credit of \$20,000 over 3 years and establish a new line of credit up to \$15,000 for the coming summer months. As in the past, we are anticipating the income during the summer will not keep up with our bills. If you have any questions please feel free to discuss the finances with any Council member. Also prayerfully consider increasing or at least continuing your commitment in the coming summer months.

## LUTHER LEAGUE MAY REPORT

Well, another year of Luther League has come and gone. We sure have had a lot of fun. We started the year off with the "High Ropes" course and ended the year with a celebration of Alissa and Ryan's trip to Africa. They spent a couple of hours with us talking to us about their trip and showing pictures. Of course, after the presentation was done, Ryan played ping pong baseball with the kids. What a great sight. These two people are a great role model for the kids.

Ryan and Alissa went to the Junior High Youth Quake in Des Moines with us in January. Boy, it was cold outside, but they kept the kids warm with their enthusiasm and joyful spirit. I am sure that Ryan did not get much sleep, but the boys really enjoyed having him around. We are truly blessed to have them spend some time with us.

I want to thank all of you that have supported the youth throughout the year with your volunteer work and your financial contributions. Without you, we could not do what we do with these kids. What a great group they are. We are so blessed to be able to spend time with them. Steve and Pam Green, Rich and Deidra Baker; thanks so much for all that you do. You have done so much throughout the year to make things go smoothly.

We will be taking the summer off and will kick things off in August with our annual "lockin". We hope to have some surprises for the kids this year. We will do a lot of fun things and see if we can make it up all night. The older I get, the harder it is to make it all night. Oh well, the kids really enjoy this event.

In late August, we will start our annual fund raising event of cleaning Kinnick Stadium. By doing this, we can afford to do the things we do as well as save for our trip to New Orleans which will be in 2012. We will have a very large group going this time and we will need all the money that we can get. The National Youth Gathering is so much fun and a great experience in Christ for all involved.

That's all for now and I wish you all a safe and fun summer.

See you in August!

In Peace,

Jason and Monique Rausch

### Sunday School / VBS

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers and subs for giving so much to the kids of this congregation. You folks are awesome. I also wanted to thank everyone who has been so supportive throughout the year. May 23 was the last day of Classes until this fall. Just a reminder that Rally Sunday is on September 12th, and we will also be distributing Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders that morning. If you have a child who is new to the congregation and is older than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and has never received a Bible, please call the church office and let Kathy know so we have enough Bibles.

The Youth & Ed Committee is always looking for members and meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 4:30. Anyone interested in youth and education is welcome to attend.

We are also in search of a new Sunday School Superintendent to start this fall. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Ebert 653-3950, Kathy Dea 653-6097 or Deb Shepherd 461-3042. This is a great way to contribute and is a very rewarding position!!

I also just wanted to remind everyone that Vacation Bible School will be held on July 11-15 (Sunday through Thursday) from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The theme this year is "Joseph - from Prison to Palace." Brad Sievers has agreed to be our "Joseph". VBS will be open to all kids from 3 years old to those going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. Registration forms are included in this newsletter and we request they be returned to the church by Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, so we can assure we have enough supplies and food for all the kids. We always are needing volunteers to help and if you can offer some time that week, please contact Kathy Dea 653-6097, Linda Brown 653-4366 or Deb Shepherd 461-3042.

Registration available at church.

## BIRTHDAYS—JUNE

1 Lori Seubert  
1 Kassy Rich  
3 Kathy Dea  
3 Mike Worley  
3 Cheyenne Flory  
5 Ryan Hall  
6 Erin Almelien  
6 Deb Weeks  
7 Mason Wagg  
8 Janee Anderson  
8 Sara Wiley  
8 Grant Wubbena  
9 Amy Statler  
10 Jeff Soper  
12 Reed Fisher  
12 Mike Worley

13 Wilma McKinstry  
15 Barb Matheson  
16 Kathleen Almelien  
16 Jeff Tisor  
17 Ashlyn Finarty  
17 Alex Six  
17 Andy Six  
18 Dave Mueller  
19 Rich Baker  
20 Gary Brown  
20 John Sells  
23 Daniel Wittmayer  
23 Jeff Moore  
25 Dorothy Bartholomew  
27 Ashley Rausch  
30 Gaylen Bartholomew  
30 Marian Brown

## ANNIVERSARIES

1 Richard & Connie Humston  
2 Ross & Janee Anderson  
5 Lee & Lois Buchholz  
6 Gerry & Vickie Gonterman  
7 Mike & Joann Worley  
11 Brian & Julie Gentz  
12 Sid & Donna Manfull  
22 Jason & Monique Rausch  
23 Dale & Judy Venzke  
25 Larry & Sara Bartlett  
28 Kirk & Becky Harman  
29 Dennis & Shari Bond  
30 Chris & Audrey Zehr