

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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1226 East Washington Washington, IA 319-653-3950

July, 2010

## Sunday Worship

8:00AM  
& 9:30 AM

**PLEASE NOTE  
change in  
Worship times**

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

Vacation Bible  
School July 11-15

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

**Christian Banquet  
October 16, 2010**

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## Who Is My Neighbor?

by Peter J. Weller

We are all familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan, the story that Jesus tells about the man set upon by robbers and left half dead on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. A priest and a Levite, both men of religious importance, passed by this hapless victim without offering any aid or assistance or comfort. Yet, a Samaritan stopped and rescued the fallen traveler, took him to the local inn, and cared for him. Upon leaving, he arranged for his continued care by the innkeeper at the Samaritan's expense. (Luke 10:29-37) Now, in Jesus' time, Samaritans and Jews despised each other. Yet, in Jesus' parable, a Samaritan helps a badly injured Jewish victim of a crime.

Portraying a Samaritan in such a positive light would most likely have shocked Jesus' audience. But, this is typical of his provocative speech in which Jesus turns conventional expectations upside down. In last month's story, Jesus used the parable of the lender and the two debtors to show his host, Simon, a Pharisee, that those with great sins have a greater appreciation of and show more gratitude for the forgiveness of sins than those with high regard for themselves and who see their sins as minimal. In this case, we have two Jewish religious leaders who did not stop to help this victim. Rather, a despised Samaritan provided the needed aid and comfort.

But now, let's widen out the lens and look at the broader context of this parable. Why did Jesus feel the need to tell this story? It comes right on the heels of the joyful return of the seventy who Jesus sent out to prepare the way for him to minister to villages that the seventy had already visited. Astounded at their successes, they said to him, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" But, Jesus cautioned them not to rejoice that "the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." He then tells them, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it." (Luke 10:17, 20) These disciples were indeed blessed with spiritual insights that most mortals did not possess.

Immediately after Jesus said this, a lawyer stood up to test him. "Teacher," the lawyer said, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responded with a question of his own, "What is written in the law?" The lawyer answered that one should love the Lord with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself. Jesus then responded, "You have given the right answer. Do this and you shall live."

But, the lawyer then pressed further and asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?," Jesus responded by telling the above parable. At the conclusion, he then asked the lawyer, "Which of these three [priest, Levite, Samaritan], do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

And, we all should also "go and do likewise"— as individuals, as a congregation, as a community, and as a nation.

## Monthly Updates

<u>June Attendance</u>		
June 6	8:00 am	40
	9:30 am	52
June 13	8:00 am	57
	9:30 am	67
June 20	8:00 am	36
	9:30 am	56
June 27	8:00 am	71
	9:30 am	76

### General Fund Gifts - May

1/12 <sup>th</sup> of annual budget =	\$ 13,814.75
May 2	2,411.50
May 9	1,363.25
May 16	2,288.03
May 23	1,133.17
May 30	761.25
Simply Giving	<u>2,744.00</u>
May	\$ 10,701.20
April	\$ 11,363.25

### “Building Fund Gifts ” - May

Monthly mortgage payment -	\$3,422.55
May 2	632.50
May 9	266.25
May 16	465.00
May 23	240.00
May 30	436.25
Simply Giving	<u>770.00</u>
May	\$ 2,810.00
April	\$ 2,981.25

At this time we have payments made through June. Next payment due 7/23/10.

Simply Giving is now charging a monthly fee of .20 per transaction. Total May \$6.80.

#### Thrivent Leaders 2010

Chapter - Dorothy Grim, Janette Edwards, 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]

Council Members for 2010: Ed Burdock (Ed/Youth) 653-2495 - Kathy Dea[Sect'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

### Book Club

The regular gathering of the Book Club will be held on Wednesday, July 14 at Dodici Shop. The group will be discussing “Rich Dad Poor Dad” by Robert Kiyosaki & Sharon Lechter. Extra copies of the book are available. Contact Linda @ 319-461-3657.

### Free to Good Home—Color printer.

If you know of any group or organization that would like a free LARGE color printer, we have one in the office to give away to a good home. Please contact the office 653-3950 for more information.

### Altar Committee

The Altar committee is going to meet on Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00P.M. If anyone is interested in joining the Altar committee, they should feel free to come to the meeting. We take care of the paraments on the altar and getting people to set up communion. Thank you

Here is Kyle Fischer’s address if anyone is interested in contacting him:

PV2 Fischer, Kyle  
B CO 3/60th Infantry Regiment  
1st Platoon “Diamondback”  
Bldg 5482 Jackson Blvd  
Ft. Jackson, SC 29207

I am sure Kyle would be happy to hear from some of his family at Immanuel.

### “Portals of Prayer” now “Open Door”

The Portals of Prayer were no longer going to be carried by Augsburg so it was the decision of the worship team to carry the daily devotion called the Open Door. They are the same format as the previous booklet.

## Wandering Worshipers

Yaro & Mary Chmelar  
May 31, 2010

First Baptist Church  
St. Simons Island, GA  
June 18, 2010

First Lutheran Church  
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Cyndi Kindred  
June 13, 2010

Lutheran Church of Hope  
West Des Moines, IA  
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Pastor Al & Jane Kruse  
June 13, 2010  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Waverly, IA

## 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

### Immanuel Lutheran is now on Facebook!

Thanks to Lynne Zouleck, Immanuel is now on Facebook. Check out the page and become a "friend" yourself!

### Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will meet on July 20 at Linda Lou's Diner here in Washington. No reservations necessary.

### May 15, 2010 Clothing/Rummage/Bake Sale Results

Thank you to all those who donated items and baked goods to the May 15<sup>th</sup> Sale. Also, a HUGE thank you to all the people who put in hours of work setting up for the sale, working at the sale, and then packing up the leftover items from the sale. Left over items were all taken to the local Goodwill and donated.

Money raised from the sale was \$365. All of the proceeds from the sale will be used for the tile project at the church. Again, thanks to everyone who participated and helped in the sale, it was a successful sale!

Missed out on helping with this sale? Don't worry! ☺ We'll be planning for the Fall Sale to be in August or September. Start a new pile of donations to bring in, think of some great recipes to try for the bake sale, plan to volunteer a few hours of your time. Further details will be posted at the church and in the next newsletter.

### French Toast & Toppings Breakfast

4th Saturday of July 24  
and August 28  
7:00AM - 10:00AM  
Immanuel Lutheran

Select garden, garage and  
bake sale items too.

All Proceeds to ChildVoice International  
Supplemented by Thrivent  
Thanks to all who supported the one in June.

### Christian Banquet -October 16

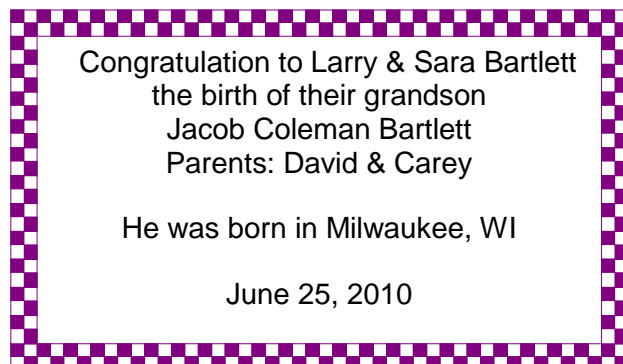
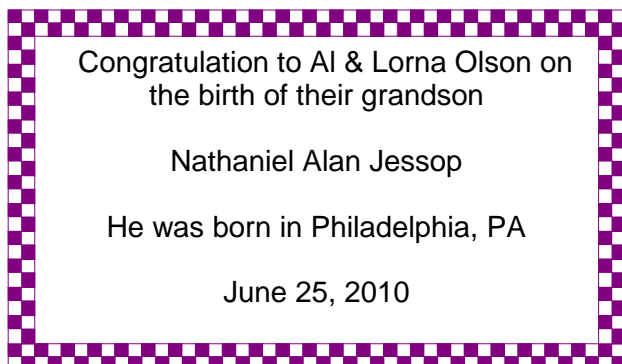
Christian Banquet will be held October 16, 2010 please save the date! For those of you that aren't familiar with the banquet, we have a very nice catered meal and an auction to raise funds for the Building Fund and also support some of Immanuel's other projects.

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

July 2010	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Communion Assistant	Communion Setup/ Cleanup	Acolyte
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 Family	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Jim Sievers	Sara Bartlett Jim & Lynette Sievers		Elaney England
Sun July 11 8:00 am	Pam Keyworth Betty Warren	Stan & Kristin Jones Family	Lee Buchholz			Jenny Seubert
9:30 am	Yaro & Mary Chmelar	Brian Lueck John & Peg Harris	John Harris			Fletcher Green
Sun July 18 8:00 am	Bill & Kathy Ebert	Tom Tanner Jim Gallagher Gary Fischer	Maggie Baker	Cynthia Fischer Lee Buchholz Gary Fischer		Megan Hill
9:30 am	Aaron & April Six Family	Mark Kendall Dave Steele Richard Schmidt	Al Olson	Sara & Larry Bartlett John Harris		Jacob Green
Sun July 25 8:00 am	Ray & Alta Poe	Rich Baker Family	Deb Shepherd			Marty Baker
9:30 am	Sara & Larry Bartlett	Ken Erickson Dale Venzke Jim Sievers	Sherry Ives			Nicholas Todd
Sun Aug 1 8:00 am	Jim Gallagher	Duane & Phyllis Hagensick Deb Shepherd	Mary Gail Lyons	Kristin Jones Mary Gail & Tom Lyons		Maggie Baker
9:30 am	Jan Newhouse	Yaro & Mary Chmelar Larry Bartlett	Peter Weller	Linda Six Yaro & Mary Chmelar		Vanessa Westen

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.



## Pickup Project



Pastor Koch's friend, Conrad Mandsager of Child Voice International, will be visiting our congregation on September 19th, to personally accept our check which will help him purchase a used pickup for his people in Uganda. We are looking forward to hosting him at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We have several months to make this total grow. Please use the envelopes in the pews on Sundays to make your donation to this cause. Our original goal was \$20,000 which would buy the pickup.

Originally the church council agreed to look outward, not inward to our own needs this year, in our special-projects giving. Let's not get sidetracked. We always have needs here at home, and there will be years after this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year that we can concentrate on our wants and needs here at Immanuel. Please give generously as you can to the children of Africa in 2010.

## SOAP FOR HOPE

The Lutheran World Relief Hope workers at Immanuel are busily making quilts and kits to send with the LWR truck which will come through our area in October. There are items that, if they are donated, will allow us to make more health kits and layettes for babies. These are the items we need: TOOTH BRUSHES, CLIPPERS or NAIL FILES, DIAPERS and BATH SOAP (regular size). When you are at the store, if you would pick up extras of any of these items, you will be helping the poor souls of Haiti and other destitute nations. Your gifts may be left in the basket by the sanctuary.

### Thrivent Voting Event and Thrivent Dollars

The Thrivent Voting event has been completed. Thrivent members, who responded, voted to help distribute one million dollars of charitable funds among a list of 10 national charities.

Now, on to the next new procedure-Thrivent Dollars. Some of you realize that we don't have the usual money from Thrivent to spend in our congregation. Care in Congregations was dropped and replaced with Thrivent Dollars. This program is based on the involvement of Thrivent members with Thrivent Financial. The involvement is through product ownership-life insurance, health insurance, and/or annuities. The involvement is also through volunteer leadership. Starting this summer, qualifying Thrivent members will be notified by mail. Members will have the power to choose which Lutheran institution/s to spend it on. It is the hope of the chapter officers that most of the money will go to their own congregations. Once we start receiving letters, which should explain the process, there will be a meeting of Immanuel Thrivent members to see if we think most of it shall go to one project. Those eligible will probably receive around \$25 to \$100 each year. Go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) to keep up on information.

**Camp REECE** Once again it's time for the members of Immanuel to help out with Camp Reece the summer camp held at Lake Darling for the challenged adults. We will need 15 dozen cookies for Wed July 28. There will be a sign up sheet under the mailboxes @ Church. We also need some helpers for a Bible Study that night too.

## Vacation Bible School—July 11-15

Just a reminder that Vacation Bible School is just a little over a week away!!

2010 Bible School begins at 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and runs for two hours each night through Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Thursday will be "family" night and we will be providing a meal for the families. Registration forms can be obtained at the church. Please return them by July 4<sup>th</sup> so we have an idea how many kids to prepare for.

This year's theme will be Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. Listen to story by Joseph himself (Brad Sievers), learn new songs with Sam Shepherd, create cool crafts, play games, learn how to made bricks with Pastor Al, and lots of other fun stuff!

We have iron-on transfers available for any kids that bring a plain colored t-shirt with them to bible school. (If you need a t-shirt, please contact the office 653-3950 and we will have a t-shirts available for your child.)

JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL KIDS NEEDED: We need to have kids to help with the "families", making bricks, and help out in other areas. Please call the church and let us know if you can help out.

Looking for COOKIES: we will need cookies each night. There is a sign-up sheet at the church under the mailboxes.

If you have any questions, contact Deb Shepherd 461-3042, Linda Brown 653-4366 or Kathy Dea 653-6097. Hope to see you all at 2010 VBS!!!

Our church members are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church. We invite you to join us on this special day:

**Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010**

**Church service 9:30-10:45 a.m.**

Service: Pastor Steve Koch

Sermon: SE Iowa Synod Bishop Michael Burke

Special music

**Program in sanctuary 10:45-11:15 a.m.**

Greetings and comments

Special guest: Conrad Mandsager

Director of Child Voice International

**Meal 11: 30 a.m.-approx. 1:00 p.m.**

Our church family will provide the food

Come September 19<sup>th</sup> and help us celebrate that which is also part of your past. Please extend the invitation to your family members. We invite you to participate in our mission project of Child Voice. The present church members are looking forward to seeing you. We would appreciate an RSVP to the church at 319-653-3950 or luthwash@hotmail.com.

Invitation Committee, Dale and Judy Venzke, Peter and Sandy Weller

# Birthdays & Anniversaries for July

## BIRTHDAYS

3 Deb Shepherd  
4 Gerry Gonterman  
6 Dale Scheibe  
7 Scott Pemberton  
8 Evelyn Haifley  
9 Vernon Moore  
11 Kelsey Kranz  
11 Dion Brown  
12 Blake Gonterman  
12 Emily Zehr  
14 James Bennett II  
14 Danica Brown  
15 Jeanna Bradley  
15 Kaleb Rich  
15 Allan Dennis  
18 Grant Hill

19 Mark Bradley  
19 Damian Hunter  
21 Tonnie Crile  
22 Wayne Witthoft  
25 Ashley Cory  
25 Lucas Hultquist  
25 Caitlin Kroll  
25 Pastor Steve Koch  
26 Shannon Sells  
26 Noah Steffen  
27 Charles Satterfield  
27 Kathy Vetter  
27 Richard Schmidt  
29 Ryan Ellis  
29 Hannah Fields  
30 Lucas Newhouse  
31 Anita Venzke

## ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jacob & Katie Sands  
3 Wayne & Evelyn Witthoft  
5 Dale & Cindy Gonterman  
8 Steve & Pam Green  
11 Mike & Debbie Jewell  
14 Laurie Wittmayer-O'Neill – Terry O'Neill  
17 Francis & Joan Johnston  
20 Charles & Donna Satterfield  
22 Al & Lorna Olson  
23 Ken & Naomi Erickson  
26 April & Aaron Six