

Our Mission
**Uniting families in Christ
to reach new generations
for Christ.**

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**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE.
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!**

THE SIGN OF JONAH! Jonah for Lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign, he said, "I will give you only the sign of Jonah." After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special services explores the meaning of "The Sign of Jonah" as we follow Jonah on his journey... and Jesus on his way to the cross. Join us beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. for this exciting Lenten Series. Week one's theme: *God Is Calling!* Please note that the service times beginning on Wednesday, February 24, will be 3:45 and 6:45 p.m. with a soup supper offered in between. NOTE: This series was written by Dr. Reed Lessing, professor at Concordia and guest preacher for our dedication service in August!

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS for next week's worship services are: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Hebrews 3:1-6; and Luke 9:28-36.



FELLOWSHIP TIME is hosted today by our *Spiritual Growth Ministry*. Join us after the 8:00 service and enjoy some coffee and treats. (Next week Fellowship Time will be hosted by our *Greeters*.)

KINGDOM BEGINNINGS meets this Sunday in the Mother's Day Out Room for all families with children birth to age two. We would love to see you there!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING has been called for **Sunday February 14, at 1:00 p.m.** Agenda: Sale of Pearce Property, Sabbatical for Pastor Auringer, and consider a call for an Associate Pastor.

LADIES AID TO TIE QUILTS: All ladies are invited to come and help tie quilts for missions, no experience is needed. Come to the Ladies Aid room on Hwy N **Tuesday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m.** (Note the date and time change.) Bring your favorite pair of scissors. Thank you!

PLEASE JOIN US for a Women's Bible Study by Beth Moore. The title of the study is "*ESTHER, It's Tough Being a Woman.*" This is a 10-week study beginning **Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Please contact Becky Stille (bcstille@centurytel.net or 697-8183) to sign up. Cost of the member's book is \$15.00.

TITHING & ATTENDANCE

January 30/31	Actual	Needed	Attendance	Communicants
Church Contributions	\$14,702	\$12,692	510	314
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HEY 5th-8th GRADERS!!! *Rolling with Immanuel* will take place at Brunswick Zone Sunday, February 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Come hang out with your friends and challenge them to a game of bowling or air hockey. For \$20 you'll get 1 game of bowling, shoe rental and a \$10 game card! Additional \$10 game cards will be available for purchase. Permission slips can be printed from www.ilcsw.net or may be picked up in the school office and should be turned in to Mr. Stec, along with your money, by **Sunday, February 14**. **Parents:** Event will be supervised and is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran National Youth Gathering 2010.

KIDS CLUB NEWS

Spring Mission Project: We are building "Birthday Boxes" for the Crisis Nursery Center. If you would like to donate we are in need of Birthday Napkins, Plates, Cups, Balloons, Center Pieces, etc. for making up birthday boxes that would host 8-10 people. Party Favors would be great too. If you prefer to make a donation, please drop off an envelope marked "Birthday Boxes" to Sue Bauer in the church office.

Attention All Fall and Spring Kids Club Parents: Kids Club is hosting the first Lenten Soup Supper on **February 24**. If you would like to donate a food item and/or help serve, we are looking for lots of help. We need soup, chili, hot dogs, hot dog buns, and things to make sandwiches. Your participation is most appreciated.

Kids Club has 1 more week. We need groups or individuals to prepare and serve snacks.

You can contact Pat Simms at psimms@psphomes.com or call 314-749-9862 for more info.

SIMPLY GIVING – Want to get stop writing a check for your contribution each week? If so, Simply Giving is for you. Simply Giving gives you the ability to make your contributions to church electronically. Getting started is very easy! Simply grab a Simply Giving form on the table in the Fellowship Hall, fill it out and include a voided check and turn it in to either Michele Miller (Business Manager) or Sue Bauer (Church Secretary) and they will make sure you are enrolled. If you have any questions about Simply Giving please contact Wes Colbert.

2010 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in the narthex. If you haven't picked up your offering envelopes yet, please do so when you pick up your statement. Thanks!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN the new e-update notification system, please send an email to Larry Miller at admin@ilcsw.net. Don't miss out on the latest news from Immanuel.

PICTURES OF OUR DEACONS are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Each Deacon is responsible for approximately 40 families. Please look at the board to find out who your Deacon is.

OUTREACH

...**Prayer Vigils** are led by Ray Ungemach Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

...**It's February, Let's Stretch.** Pray that God prepares us to invite others to worship.

...**Mission Exploration Summary** to Los Cabos is available in the Fellowship Hall.

...**Disaster Preparedness.** Applications for CERT and Teen CERT training are now being accepted. The course addresses preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, and terrorism. Email Phil Yocum: phily@wentzville.mo.org for info and application. The course is free.

THINK LIFE OUTREACH

...**"Missouri Choose Life"** license plates are available through www.IM4IT.org

...**Think Red!** Missouri Right To Life encourages you to Wear Red and Attend Show Me Life Tuesday, March 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Missouri State Capitol, 1st Floor Rotunda. For information call (573) 635-5110 or visit www.missourilife.org.

...**I'm looking for** a health conscious member to join the Board of Outreach specifically for keeping us tuned into Health Outreach opportunities and events. Call Cynthia 484-0276.

SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK: Worship Assistants – Saturday-Lowell Mattox (Captain); 8:00-Doug Dotson (Captain), Mel Heins, Ron Kersey, Art Kersting, and Mike Simms; 10:45-David Harms (Captain), John Herman, Dominic Kirkiewicz, Loren Kisling, Bill Lowery, and Tim Schlueter. **Lay Readers** – Saturday-Rick Wiese; 8:00-Ralph Wolfram, 10:45-Pat Ragsdale. **Acolytes** – Saturday-Will Wiese; 8:00-Alivia Nolting; 10:45-Riley Schmidt.

Greeters – 8:00-Bob & Carolyn Meyer; 10:45-Bill & Sheri Launer. **February Ushers** – Saturday-Dennis Moellering (Captain), Herman Bauer, Gary Fischer, Don Giessmann, Todd Greiwe and Brian Menscher; 8:00-Doug Clark (Captain), Terry Adams, David Agne, Marty Benson, Tim Colbert, Mark Collins, and Joe Malatich; 10:45-Dan Koenig (Captain), Mike Fridley, Bill Launer, Ed Lovelace, Hal McClurkin, Mario McClurkin, and Kris Schuldt.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE – On Saturday, February 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lutherans for Life is sponsoring their annual fun evening of **dance and refreshments!** The cost is \$10.00 per family (in advance) and will be held at Zion, Harvester, in their gym. Contact Molissa Harms (314-302-6212) for more info. Reminder: this is a **fun** family activity!

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Pancake Breakfast to Benefit the Lakota children of the Cheyenne River Youth Project at Applebee's (Chesterfield Valley at Boone's Crossing), February 13, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Breakfast includes: eggs, pancakes, sausage and the beverages of your choice. The cost is \$7.00 and you can pay at the door.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Spaghetti Dinner at Faith United Church of Christ, Wentzville, will be held Saturday, February 20, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 for age 6-adult; free for under 5. Call 327-4795 or email office@faithucc.net for more information.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, Concordia, MO, is hosting an open house Sunday, February 21, at 2:00 p.m. for students who are curious or who are planning to enroll for the 2010-11 academic year. Application packets are available online at www.splhs.org.

PART-TIME CHILDREN/YOUTH DIRECTOR POSITION is available at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, North St. Louis County. Resumes are being accepted through March and should be sent to the Personnel Committee, Chapel of the Cross, 11645 Benham Rd., St. Louis, MO 63136. You may also call Nancy Swoboda (314-291-0111) if you have questions.

CAREER DAY SPEAKERS NEEDED – Do you have an interesting job? Would you be willing to share information about your career field with students? If so, Footprints Christian School Counseling would like your help. Please consider speaking with 8th graders at a Career Day for Lutheran Schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area presented at Immanuel Lutheran School, St. Charles, Friday, April 16. Several speakers are still needed. Please contact Carla Rutledge at 636-300-1697 for more information.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL AUCTION invitations have been mailed. If you have not received one by February 10 and would like to attend, please contact LHS to reserve a spot. The auction is March 13 at the St. Charles Convention Center and you can enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship while bidding on over 700 items. The proceeds will help to provide financial assistance to families and enhance technology tools for students as we get better equipped for "Learning in the 21st Century," our theme for the auction this year.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL will host the bands of the Lutheran elementary schools for a clinic and concert Monday, February 22. The concert begins at 5:00 in the school gym. The guest clinician is Jon Wiegert from Martin Luther High School, Greendale, Wisconsin. A freewill offering will be received. Selections include Proclamation by Bruce Pearson and Rough Riders Galop by Karl King. Phone 928-5100 or see www.lhssc.org for more information.

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS & WHITE GRAPE JUICE are available for those who have sensitivities. The grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Please let Pastor know before service if you need the gluten-free wafer.

“A NIGHT FOR KIDS” – The 7th annual Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA)/ Building Blocks Scholarship Fund Dinner – Auction will be held Friday, April 16, from 5-10 p.m. at The Royale Orleans Banquet Center, 2801 Telegraph Rd. The evening’s special events include the BBSF Glass Sale, an old fashioned Lollipop Pull, a “Wine and Dine,” and an opportunity to help us “Light Up the Night.” Tickets are \$50 each with tables of 8 available. To make a donation, purchase tickets, or to volunteer, call Melissa Maxfield at 314-268-1525 or visit us at www.lesastl.org. Proceeds from the auction will be used to provide need-based tuition assistance scholarships to children attending LESA member elementary schools.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE “LIFE THOUGHTS” – Peter recognized the reality. “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing!” (*Luke 5:5a*). But he also trusted in something greater than reality. “But at your word I will let down the nets.” (*5:5b*). People face difficult realities today – an unplanned pregnancy, a chronic disease, terminal illness. The world offers death to deal with such realities. We have something greater, the Word of Life.

TWB/SCRIP CARDS are sold after the 8:00 Sunday service and they are always available at the school office on Pearce. These cards make great gift ideas or use them for your weekly shopping. All profits benefit Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. If you have any questions, contact Cee Cee Liefer in the school office (639-9887).

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS and turn off your cell phones/pagers before you enter church.

DON’T FORGET to sign the prayer cards for those on the prayer list. Cards are in the narthex.

+ THE WEEK AHEAD AT IMMANUEL +
February 7-February 14, 2010

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| <p>THIS - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service</p> <p>SUN - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class</p> <p>- 9:30 a.m. – Kid’s Kingdom</p> <p>- 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings</p> <p>- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes</p> <p>- 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service</p> <p>- 5:00 p.m. – <i>JH Thingy</i></p> <p>TUES - 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel</p> <p>- 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word</p> <p>- 7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Mtg.</p> <p>- 7:00 p.m. – Cub Scout Meeting</p> <p>WED - 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel (<i>P</i>)</p> <p>- 11:30 a.m. – Single Women Fellowship
(<i>meet at Pearce to carpool</i>)</p> <p>- 6:00 p.m. – Kids Club</p> <p>- 6:00 p.m. – Dig JH (Catechism)</p> <p>- 7:00 p.m. – <i>Marriage Building</i> Class</p> <p>- 7:15 p.m. – Prayer Vigil</p> | <p>THURS - 4:30 p.m. – <i>Laudate</i> Ringers</p> <p>- 6:00 p.m. – Festival Choir</p> <p>- 7:00 p.m. – Faithful 4H Club</p> <p>- 8:00 p.m. – <i>Connection</i> Rehearsal</p> <p>FRI No School at ILS</p> <p>SAT - 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service</p> <p>NEXT - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service</p> <p>SUN - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class</p> <p>- 9:30 a.m. – Kid’s Kingdom</p> <p>- 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings</p> <p>- 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes</p> <p>- 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service</p> <p>- 1:00 p.m. – Voters Meeting</p> <p>- 7:00 p.m. – HS Night</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(P) – Event held at Pearce Campus</i></p> |
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