

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 for the next five **Wednesdays at either 3:45 or 6:45 p.m.** for this exciting Lenten Series. This week's theme: *Saved in the Storm! (Jonah 1:4-16)*. **NOTE:** This series was written by Dr. Reed Lessing, professor at Concordia and guest preacher for our dedication service in August!



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed by Anthony and Kathy Westcott to the glory of God and in celebration of the renewal of their wedding vows Sunday afternoon. Kathy is also celebrating her birthday. May God shower His blessings on them now and forever.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS for next week's worship services are: Psalm 4; Jeremiah 26:8-15; Philippians 3:17-4:1; and Luke 13:31-35.



FELLOWSHIP TIME is hosted today by our *Adult Bible Classes*. Join us after the 8:00 service and enjoy some coffee and treats. (Next week Fellowship Time will be hosted by our *Seniors Group*.)

KID'S KINGDOM – This week in Kid's Kingdom the children will study the temptation of Jesus (*Luke 4:1-13*). Like us, Jesus was tempted by Satan to sin. Yet, for us, He overcame all temptation because we cannot. In your family discussions, consider how we are tempted to rely on ourselves and trust in our powers. Provide examples. Assure your children that God lovingly provides all that we need for this life and eternity, doing all things for us and ordering our days and life in His peace.

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

DEVOTION BOOKLETS for Lent are available on the information desk in the narthex.

TITHING & ATTENDANCE

February 6/7	Actual	Needed	Attendance	Communicants
Church Contributions	\$11,274	\$12,692	518	372
3Cs Contributions	\$ 2,615	\$ 5,433		

PRAYER VIGILS during Lent begin at **6:15 p.m.** on Wednesdays.

IMMANUEL'S SENIORS will meet in the **Fellowship Hall Wednesday, February 24**, at 12:00 noon to enjoy a covered dish luncheon. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish or dessert to share. The afternoon will be spent in fellowship playing cards, dominos, and board games. **Note the location change!!!**

LENTEN SUPPERS – Plan to eat out every Wednesday during Lent starting **February 24** and continuing through **March 24**. Five different groups will be preparing and serving a light supper between the 3:45 and 6:45 Lenten services. NO reservations required. DONATIONS appreciated. Enjoy food and fellowship. Kids Club is sponsoring this week's meal.

Lenten Supper donations will again benefit the Mike and Sarah Weider family who serve as LC-MS international educators at Sekolah Pelita Harapan in Jakarta, Indonesia. Mike teaches grades 10-12 and Sarah serves as counselor. They also assist with worship in house churches, and lead chapel and Bible studies at the school. Immanuel has pledged \$1500 a quarter to assist in this mission. Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Matching funds have been requested from Thrivent Financial.

ATTENTION KIDS CLUB PARENTS: **Wednesday, February 24**, Kids Club will provide the first Lenten Supper. We need cooks to donate soup, sandwiches, salads or desserts. We also need folks to help serve. Please sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Questions: call Pat Simms (314-749-9862) or e-mail (psimms@psphomes.com).

Wednesday is the last day for "Birthday Boxes" donations. Birthday napkins, plates, cups, etc. will be taken to the Crises Nursery. Completed boxes will host 8-10 birthday boys or girls.

LADIES AID PRAYER DAY SERVICE & SALAD SUPPER: Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be the annual Prayer Day Service and Salad Supper. It will be **Thursday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall on N. Each lady who attends is asked to bring a salad of any kind to be shared with the group. Rolls and drinks will be furnished by the serving committee. All ladies of the congregation, and their friends, are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there; it's always an enjoyable evening! **NOTE:** If Immanuel School is closed that day due to bad weather, then our meeting will be cancelled.

DO YOU LIKE PIZZA? Do you want to help Immanuel's Youth Group raise money for their trip to the National Youth Gathering? From March 7-11 you can do both at the same time at Pizza Pro in Wentzville! You **must** take a flyer (available in the Fellowship Hall) with you! 15% of net sales will be donated to the Youth. See you there!!

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.

THE ASSEMBLY OF DEACONS met February 2. We continued our review of Luther's Large Catechism and the Fifth Commandment – do harm to no one. Pastors Auringer and Sell made presentations and opened discussion in regards to their work at the church, Bible Classes, the Day School, January's church retreat, different worship styles, Church staffing discussion and Confirmation. Group Discussion about: Visitor Welcome Packet, progress of the Time and Talent database, Usher and Worship Assistant schedules, Pastor's sabbatical this summer, considering the call for an Associate Pastor. *In His Service, Roger Huslage, Chairman*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The 8th graders at Immanuel Lutheran School would like to sincerely thank the congregation for supporting them at their recent Bake Sale on Valentine's Day. The students are raising money for their Class Trip to Kansas City in May. The Bake Sale brought in \$625. Again, thank you for your generosity and your support, which were gratefully appreciated!

IT'S OUR TURN to work at the Mary Martha Thrift Shop during the week of March 8! Workdays are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-4:00 (3.5-hour shifts), and Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30-12:00. Call Joann Palmer (561-3279) to volunteer. Please help out if you can; or drop off your used clothing/household goods at Mary Martha any time during the year.

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.

SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK: ***Worship Assistants*** – Wednesday Captains-David Harms & Lowell Mattox; Saturday-Lowell Mattox (Captain); 8:00-Darwin Zimmerman (Captain), Dave Liefer, Wendell Massmann, Rich Nissing, and Mike Schumacher; 10:45-Randy Powers (Captain), Scott DeRoo, Roger Huslage, Rod Kumm, Neal Menscher, and Rick Siebuhr. ***Lay Readers*** – 8:00-Dan Ebert, 10:45-David Harms. ***Acolytes*** – Saturday-Paige Noble; 8:00-Claire Schumacher; 10:45-Grant Abts. ***Greeters*** – Saturday-Gary & Mary Fischer; 8:00-Sharon Siebuhr & Susan Craven; 10:45-Becky Stille & Joan Minard. ***February Ushers*** – Wednesday-3:45-Harvey Linhardt (Captain), Doug Clark, and Forrest VanNess; 6:45-Terry Stricker (Captain), Eric Abts, Loren Kisling, Dan Koenig, and Ralph Wolfram. 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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is approaching a May 2010 dedication of their St. Peters Habitat Build, involving 2 more Lutheran/Thrivent houses. For this project, Immanuel Wentzville has 2 Saturdays on which to help: March 6 and April 10. We need 12 people who can build or learn-on-the-spot-skills-to-contribute-to-building on those dates. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We can work with flexibility if you can't be there all day. We open with Prayer and sign necessary waivers at 7:45 and build from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This service outreach is very rewarding. Come, be blessed with skills and satisfaction as you learn how to help families in need!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE starts February 21 and runs through Easter. Pastor Clausing, who is part of Lutheran High School staff and Students for Life, will be going down every Sunday, starting February 21 through March 28 to peacefully pray for the end of abortion. They will stand in front of the Abortion Clinic in St. Louis. Anyone who would like to carpool with him is welcome. They will leave at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays from the Lutheran High School Parking Lot. If you are interested in being part of this outreach on any of the Sundays, please contact Molissa Harms, 314 302-6212.

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. Our fantastic ILS band will be part of the ensemble. A freewill offering will be received. Phone 928-5100 or see www.lhssc.org for more information.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION for the Lutheran High Auction on March 13 at the St. Charles Convention Center. Get a table of friends together and enjoy an evening of fellowship while bidding on over 700 items and supporting the Lutheran High ministry. Get a glimpse of "Learning in the 21st Century," our auction theme for 2010. Call 928-5100 to reserve your spot.

MUSIC FANS OF ALL AGES are invited to enjoy the folk/jazz sounds of St. Louis singer Erin Bode when she and her band perform a special benefit concert Sunday, February 28, from 7-9 p.m., at Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood. Proceeds from the concert will benefit children served by Lutheran Association for Special Education (LASE) and Footprints Christian School Counseling. Tickets for the event are \$20 advance, \$25 night of show for adults, and \$10 advance, \$15 night of show for children (12 and under). Contact 314-268-1234 for ticket reservations and payment information or email footprintsstl@aol.com.

3RD ANNUAL CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRIVIA NIGHT will be held Saturday, April 17, at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall in Dutzow (new location, same great night of fun!). Doors open at 6:30, trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$80 per team of 8. Call Mary at 433-5408 or Rachel at 270-816-5381 for details and registration.

GROWING IN CHRIST XII (a Lutheran retreat for adults over age 50) will be held April 21-22 at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, IL. Interesting speakers, various workshops, and, of course, great food are all part of this retreat. Information is on the bulletin board and includes registration forms, and important registration and hotel reservation deadlines. Ralph & Ginny Wolfram have attended this retreat for several years and would be glad to answer any of your questions (625-6216).

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "LIFE THOUGHTS" – To think that we cannot resist Satan and make good God-pleasing decisions is to deny the power of the One who faced Satan for us (*Luke 4:1-13*). He repelled Satan with the Word, "It is written." He defeated Satan with yet another Word, "It is finished." Satan is a defeated enemy and through the power of the risen Christ and His Word, we too can resist his temptations to think as the world thinks.

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.

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.

+ THE WEEK AHEAD AT IMMANUEL +

February 21-February 28, 2010

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| THIS | - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service | WED | - 6:15 p.m. – Prayer Vigil |
| SUN | - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class | | - 6:45 p.m. – Lenten Service |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom | | - 7:30 p.m. – <i>Marriage Building</i> Class |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings | | - 7:30 p.m. – Dig JH |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes | THURS- | 4:30 p.m. – <i>Laudate</i> Ringers |
| | - 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service | | - 6:00 p.m. – Festival Choir |
| | - 12:30-3:00 p.m. – ILS Open House (P) | | - 6:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study |
| | - 4:30-6:30 p.m. – 5 th -8 th Graders | | - 8:00 p.m. – <i>Connection</i> Rehearsal |
| | <i>Rolling with Immanuel (off campus)</i> | SAT | - 5:00 p.m. – Divine Service |
| MON | - 7:15 p.m. – Assembly of Deacons Mtg. | NEXT | - 8:00 a.m. – Divine Service |
| TUES | - 6:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Immanuel | SUN | - 9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Class |
| | - 9:30 a.m. – Women of the Word | | - 9:30 a.m. – Kid's Kingdom |
| | - 7:00 p.m. – Thrivent Chapter Meeting | | - 9:30 a.m. – Kingdom Beginnings |
| WED | - 8:30 a.m. – ILS Chapel (P) | | - 9:30 a.m. – JH & HS Bible Classes |
| | - 12:00 noon – Seniors Luncheon <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i> | | - 10:45 a.m. – <i>The Connection</i> Service |
| | - 3:45 p.m. – Lenten Service | | - 7:00 p.m. – HS Night |
| | - 4:15-6:30 p.m. – Lenten Supper | | |

(P) – Event held at Pearce Campus

