

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

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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!
ALLELUIA!**



TODAY IS THE DAY! Beginning TODAY, Sunday, May 2, you may take our **CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY** online. To submit your opinions/suggestions simply go to the following website:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AGRNT2KUN>

You have until **May 12** to submit your answers. **Computers** will be available here at church today and next Sunday as well as Saturday, May 8. Please make sure that you complete this. Your input is crucial. Thank You!

WELCOME to all who have recently completed our *Immanuel 101* class. Some have transferred from sister congregations and some are now attending our Adult Instruction class. David & Debbie Anderson, Jim & Florence Bell, Brady & Megan Cowden, Jim & Nancy Dean, Matt & Ann Fessler, Sarah Freshwater, Scott & Penny Hays, Amanda Humphrey, Dennis Jokerst, Stephanie Kinser, Shannon & Erik Lawson, Victoria Leeson, Neil & Debbie Moersch, Jamey Myers, Joyce Schuette, Byron Smay, Shawn Stephens, Melissa Struble, Jan & Pete Techasiriwan, Dave & Karen Thompson, Amanda & Tyler Watson, and Janine Young.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS for next week are: Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; and John 16:23-33.



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

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS began last Wednesday, but it's not too late to join the group! The class meets at 7:00 p.m. and is designed for all who desire to learn more about the teachings of God's Word and in particular the teachings of the Lutheran Church with a goal of joining Immanuel as a communicant member. Call the church office to sign up. Child care is available.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Hwy N, **Saturday, May 1**, 6:30 p.m. Day care to be provided. Soda and snacks will be served. We'll be showing "Facing the Giants." For more information, contact Cyndi or Neal Menscher at 639-5188. See you there.

TITHING & ATTENDANCE

April 24 & 25	Actual	Needed	Attendance	Communicants
Church Contributions	\$10,008	\$12,692	520	374
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KID'S KINGDOM – The key point of this week's lesson came from the Bible story about the choosing of the seventy-two to go and tell others about Jesus. God chose the seventy-two to serve Him in a special task (*Luke 10:1-24*). God places us in various callings, giving us opportunities to serve Him and share our faith with others. As a family, talk about the various callings (vocations) each of you have and discuss the opportunities God gives you in these roles to share your faith. Who in your life needs to hear about the Savior?

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET, hosted by Ladies Aid, will be **Thursday, May 6**, at 6:00 p.m. Our guest for the evening is Phyllis Wallace. Phyllis is the host of the Lutheran Hour Ministries "Woman to Woman" program. A craft project will be available for our attendees 6 and under during her presentation. Cost for the catered meal is \$10.00/adults, \$6.50/ages 6-12, and free/age 5 and under. Your **last** opportunities to purchase tickets are after the Saturday service or between the Sunday services this weekend! We will be assigning parties to tables prior to the banquet to ensure families get to sit together. To learn more about Phyllis' ministry, please log on to www.womantowomanradio.com.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 6. Please pray for our country, our President, and our leaders. Also, join thousands of others and spend one minute in prayer **every day** at 8:00 p.m. What a great way to follow God's Word which instructs us to "pray without ceasing."

Do you ever feel you don't know how to pray? Assuming you say "Yes," please know the Holy Spirit is our greatest Editor. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." (*Romans 8:26-27*)

FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE . . . The 8th graders of Immanuel Lutheran School are planning a fundraising **BAKE SALE** on **MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 9**, after both services, to raise funds for their upcoming CLASS TRIP in May to Kansas City. Your support at their last Bake Sale was **OUTSTANDING**, and they're hoping to repeat it one more time on MOTHER'S DAY. They'll have flowers and sweet treats for that special someone in your life! Thank you, again, for your support!

SINGLE WOMEN FELLOWSHIP will meet for lunch at **11:30 a.m.** at the Wentzville Olive Garden **Wednesday, May 12**. If you need a ride or have questions, please call Darlene, 327-8551.

CONCERT @ IMMANUEL! Please join the choral and handbell music groups from Immanuel and Holy Cross, O'Fallon, **HERE** at 3:30 p.m., **Sunday, May 16**, in the Sanctuary. After joining forces for the Dedication service last August, these music groups decided they enjoyed performing together and would like to share their talents with you in another venue! The concert is **FREE OF CHARGE**. Please, just come and enjoy an afternoon of sacred and secular music!
Christa Stec, Director of Music

VOTERS MEETING has been called for **Monday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Major points of discussion will be the budget for the next fiscal year, an update on the call process, and the plans for the next building.

THE FIRST CAMPING FELLOWSHIP of the year is scheduled for the weekend of **May 21**. Sites have been reserved at Mark Twain State Park. For more information on the park see <http://www.mostateparks.com/twainpark.htm>. We hope to see a good turnout of previous campers as well as some new faces. You



don't need a camper to attend; tents are welcome! If you are interested in joining us or would just like more information, contact Susan Craven (314-608-6622 or secraven@charter.net) or Kim Theilmann (462-2638 or theilmann77@centurytel.net).

JOIN TEAM IMMANUEL!! Everyone is invited to join *Team Immanuel* as they participate in the Susan G. Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure June 12. You can register online at www.komenstlouis.org. You can also email Paula Lowery (paula_lowery@hotmail.com) or Shirlee Nolting (snolting@ilcsw.net) for more information. Flyers are in the Fellowship Hall.

KID'S KINGDOM needs your help. We are looking for summer Kid's Kingdom teachers. If you have ever thought about helping out with this important ministry, now would be a great time to start! Please contact Carla Wiese or Dan Stec for more information.

AUDIO ENGINEERS are needed for the Saturday night and Sunday morning services. If interested, or for more information, contact Larry at admin@ilcsw.net. Thanks!

THE ASSEMBLY OF DEACONS met for our scheduled meeting on the 6th of April. We continued our review and discussion of the Book of Concord and studied the Sixth Commandment – The Estate of Marriage. The DSEM (Day School Education Ministry) came to the meeting to discuss some of the planning to move the Heritage Church and School to the new facility this summer. Pastor Sell and Pastor Auringer made presentations on their current and planned activities for Immanuel, including Voter's Meetings, Call Committee meetings, church attendance, Easter services, summer service schedule, Confirmation, activities outside of Immanuel, and day school activities. The group discussed the call for Associate Pastor and reviewed our budget request for 2010-11. *In His Service, Roger Huslage, Chairman, Assembly of Deacons*

OUR NEXT HABITAT WORKDAY will be Saturday, **May 29**. We will need 12 people to help. We'd like to encourage new helpers to join us, as we know that is Memorial Day weekend and some people may be out of town. Please sign up or call Cynthia Menscher at 639-5188 if you have questions.

SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK: Worship Assistants – Saturday-Doug Dotson (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-Jim Miller; 10:45-Kevin Hartley. **Acolytes** – Saturday-Will Wiese; 8:00-Alivia Nolting; 10:45-James Hannon. **Greeters** – 8:00-Harvey & Jean Linhardt; 10:45-Linda Seiller & Becky Stille. **May Ushers** – Saturday-Dennis Moellering (Captain), Herman Bauer, Gary Fischer, Don Giessmann, Todd Greiwe and Brian Menscher; 8:00-Marty Galucia (Captain), Jeff Bryan, Dave Demien, Jim Pitman, John Wightman, Ralph Wolfram; 10:45-Dan Koenig (Captain), Mike Fridley, Bill Launer, Ed Lovelace, Hal McClurkin, Mario McClurkin, and Kris Schuldt.

FoSLE GARAGE SALE COMING JUNE 11 AND 12! As you are doing any spring cleaning, please save any unwanted items for the Friends of Secondary Lutheran Education garage sale. We would especially appreciate donations of furniture and household items. Items may be dropped off in the CAC anytime after May 28. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Norman, Cee Cee Liefer, or Donna Peters.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

IMMANUEL PICNIC, September 12, held at Highway N to celebrate and welcome everyone to one campus! Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided by Fellowship Ministry. Attendees will bring side dishes and desserts to share along with their own table service. There will be entertainment in the afternoon. Mark your calendar. More information is coming!

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – Family photos will be taken October 8 and 9, October 12-16, and October 19. Families photographed will receive a FREE 8x10 photo and a new directory. Do NOT need to be a member to be photographed, so this is a great time for the whole family and extended family to have a picture. It's VERY IMPORTANT for your picture to be in the directory so PLEASE mark your calendar. Watch for more information.

PENNIES FOR PLAYGROUND – Immanuel Lutheran School is raising money for their playground at the new facility. If you would like to contribute, please call Allison Dolak (639-9887).

LUTHERAN HIGH would like to extend a special invitation to all LHS alumni and alumni parents to attend the Music Department Spring Concert, “*Jukebox Jamboree*.” Not only will we be honoring the graduating seniors but we will also have a special acknowledgment for Director Michael Flandermeyer who has decided to step away from the music program at the end of this year. Mr. Flandermeyer has been involved in music as a portion of his teaching for the last 35 years and has impacted a large number of students. He will continue to be a member of the teaching staff at LHS. Ms. Jen Brauer who has been directing the choral music for the last 9 years will be taking over the instrumental program as well. Please join us in honoring Mr. Flandermeyer at the concert at Zion Lutheran Church, **Thursday, May 6**, at 7:00 p.m.

SWING DANCE FUNDRAISER, Chapel of the Cross, **Friday, May 7, 6:00-10:00 p.m.**, **Cost: \$7 per person. FREE SWING DANCE LESSON 6:00-6:30 p.m. with paid admission.** Sarah Harms (Chapel member) is going on a mission trip to Budapest, Hungary, this summer! She and other youth from the St. Peters area will be sharing the Gospel while teaching English to the children in the Keg mission in Budapest. The mission team members going to Hungary are experienced swing dancers and will offer a free group lesson to anyone who would like to learn or brush up on their swing dance moves. Refreshments will be available for purchase. All funds will help the Hungary Mission Team reach their goal to share the Gospel in Budapest this summer. **Note:** Sarah is the granddaughter of Dave & Molissa Harms.

FOSTERING FAITHFUL FAMILIES is hosting “Hope for Kids” **Saturday, May 8**, at 2833 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63139. This event is for families interested in learning about foster care and adoption in Missouri. Various speakers will present information from 10:00 a.m. till noon. Then at noon, families will have the opportunity to visit information tables from about 15 Children’s Division, contracted agencies, and various community services here in St. Louis. For more information, please contact Sharon Siebuhr at 332-6726 or go to www.fosteringfaithfulfamilies.org to register. Please keep this event in your prayers. A big THANK YOU goes out to Debi Demien for putting together the promotional video for this!!!

FOCUS ON ESTATE CONSERVATION – A free educational workshop, will be offered at the Boardwalk Corporate Center in O’Fallon **May 12 at 7:00 p.m.**, and Zion Lutheran Church **May 14 at 1:30 p.m.** Participants will gain a better understanding of how they can take steps to protect their assets from loss before and after they’re gone, and how to transfer their estate smoothly to help reduce family stress. The workshop will be presented by representatives Kelly Brickner and John Priesmeyer, along with guest speakers, Tim Lohmar and Erin Burlison, Attorneys at Law with Lohmar Staebell and Burlison LLC. To register, e-mail Kelly.brickner@thrivent.com or call 695-4110.

ARE YOU ENGAGED OR NEWLY MARRIED? If you are, the Thrivent West St. Charles-Warren County Chapter would like to invite you to attend an upcoming workshop called ***From Me to We***. The workshop will be held at Holy Cross, O’Fallon, **Sunday, May 16**, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. and includes a complimentary lunch. The presenters are Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives David Sampl, Jr. and Brian Wegener. This is an educational experience. No financial products will be sold. To reserve a seat for yourself, or for yourself and a guest, please RSVP with Camille Marolf (493-9220) or online at camille.marolf@thrivent.com.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE “LIFE THOUGHTS” – The joy that comes from the risen Christ cannot be taken away (*John 16:22*). This is not a feel good happiness dependent upon circumstances. It is a fruit of Christ’s Spirit, the joy of our salvation in Christ that circumstances cannot change or diminish. Many of the life issues we deal with today are “joy robbers” and present opportunities to share the joy of the resurrection.

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

PLEASE SIGN the greeting cards for those on the prayer list. You'll brighten someone's day!
The cards are in the narthex.

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).

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.