



MAY 2011

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel,

Greetings to you in the strong name of our Lord!

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helped with the Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Services. Your service to our Lord made for an uplifting and enriching experience as we once again celebrated: **He Is Risen!**

May is going to be a busy month at Immanuel:

- **May 1st**, the First Sunday in May, the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, is going to hold their Spring Fling at Immanuel at 1 PM. All are invited to bring a salad to share. Drinks, tableware, bread and crackers will be furnished. They will enjoy a luncheon, a time of friendship and fellowship, followed by a demonstration as to how to grow your own herb garden led by our own Master Gardener, Rebecca Hillebrand. Please sign up on the bulletin board signup sheet so they will know how many to plan.
- **May 2nd – 4th**, 19 of the Women of Immanuel are going to be attending a spiritual retreat at Pictorial Rocks Retreat Center, Tucson. The theme for this retreat is: **"Surprise! God's Grace is Surprising"** The women will be spending three days in prayer, reflection, Bible Studies, and silence in seeking "the surprising grace of our God." There are going to be 19 at this Retreat. The women will study a series of 6 Bible Studies leading them through the grace of God.
- **May 7th and May 14th; Outdoor Clean Up Saturday's.** Everyone is invite to join on these two Saturday's to help clean up the property of the church. For more information please contact Matt Wilson
- Then on **May 8th**, we will observe and honor the Women in our parish and in our Nation as we observe "Mother's Day." Whether the Mothers are spiritual, biological, from blended families, these tireless women have served to bring us closer to our God and help us as we grow.
- On **Sunday, May 15th**, during the Sunday School Hour, every adult in the parish is invited to join us for a "Conversational Discussion." This is not going to be a Voters' Meeting. This is going to be a general discussion meeting whereby

members of Immanuel will be invited to share their thoughts and dreams for Immanuel. I would like to ask the Hospitality Committee to organize a coffee/cake fellowship after the Worship Service on May 15th.

- On **Sunday, May 22nd**, Immanuel's two 8th Grade Confirmands, Stephanie Dinkel and Ben Klock, Jr., will share their Christian faith as they read the papers they have written about their Christian faith. These papers are to prepare them to make their Confirmation, which will be held the next Sunday; The Board of Education will host a coffee reception after the Worship Service.
- **Sunday, May 29th**, Confirmation Sunday, **Stephanie Dinkel and Ben Klock Jr.** will go through "The Rite of Confirmation" and join the Lutheran Church. We would invite all members of Immanuel to bring Confirmation congratulation cards to Stephanie and Ben on this date as they promise their lives to Christ. The Board of Elders will host a coffee/cake reception after the Worship Service.
- **High School Graduates....** We are also going to join in rejoicing with three High School Students of Immanuel -- Daniel Harney, Jessica Loken, and Mark Potucek. May the Lord bless them for this great accomplishment and may He guide them as they move into their future. If any of your Youth are graduating from college, please telephone Ester at the church office 458-3883, so that we can recognize and pray for them.
- Then.... On **May 31st**... I am going to help officiate at my oldest brother Paul's wedding. I am so excited. I have always looked up to my older brother, as many younger brothers' do. But I did not think that I would be able to attend his wedding, as my brother lives in Alaska. But, thanks to the generosity of a very kind person, I will be able to attend. So, I will be flying to Kansas City, getting my Mom and niece Katelyn, and we will be flying to Juneau to celebrate my brother's wedding. It will be a great, truly joyous, family occasion.... And we will also have the chance to eat a lot of fresh fish.

May is going to be a busy month.... But a good month.

May God bless you and your families,

I remain,

Your pastor and friend,

Pastor Ron

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS....Today we welcome into formal membership the following:

- **Joan Carnett.** Joan is originally from MN. She and her husband and family lived in Hawaii where he husband was a newspaper editor for over 28 years. Joan makes her home in Sierra Vista where she continues to work in the office of her son, Dr. Mark Carnett. We welcome Joan into our family at Immanuel.
- **John and Sam (Samantha) Conroy and their children, Ariel, Michael and Matthew.** The Conroy's make their home in Sierra Vista where John works for Sierra Tile, Co and Samantha is a nurse at the hospital. We welcome them into our family at Immanuel.
- **Peter and Jennifer Eliason and their children: Seamus, Ethan, and Grace.** Peter is active duty military and so the Eliason's have moved around quite a bit. They make their home in Sierra Vista as Peter is posted at Ft. Huachuca. We welcome them into our family at Immanuel.
- **Tara Evans.** Tara was born in Tucson and makes her home in Sierra Vista. She is Mother to John Conroy and a proud Grandmother. Tara has her own business in finance and so is kept quite busy, especially at this time of year. We welcome her into our family at Immanuel.
- **Mable and Harold Handel.** Mable and Harold have spent the past 23 winters in Sierra Vista making them some of the longest attending of Immanuel's members. They come from Park Rapids, MN, which is right up along the MN/Canada border. We welcome them into our family at Immanuel.
- **Pastor Arlo and Ofelia Janssen.** Pastor Arlo and Ofelia join Immanuel after having us on "probation" for 20 years as Pastor Arlo tells it. The Janssen's are not able to be here today as Pastor Arlo is busy preaching at the Lutheran Missions in Safford and Duncan, AZ. We welcome them into our family at Immanuel.
- **Valerie Schukei.** Valerie was raised in Hastings, NE. Although Valerie is already technically a member of Immanuel, she took the Adult Instruction Class as a refresher course in the Catechism. We enjoy having Valerie participate in our various Bible Studies. Valerie is a retired school teacher. We welcome Valerie into our family at Immanuel.

CHURCH TRADITION
THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

One of the many customs and traditions of the Lutheran church that dates back to the infancy stages of Lutheranism is the Rite of Confirmation. The Rite of Confirmation is one of the customs of the Church that links us with the past and also leads us into the future. As we will celebrate this rite on the last Sunday in May, we would like to share a few thoughts about this custom...



THE PROCESSION... *The Confirmands begin this service by walking down the aisle. Even though this walk is a symbol it is not an ordinary walking that the young person ventures. For the Confirmand is not walking into an ordinary building, but as they walk down the aisle of the Church to the steps of the Altar of our Lord... this is a symbol that this young person is now taking this walk with Christ of their own will. This walk is the beginning of a new walk as they live out their Christian life.*

THE FLOWER NEAR THE HEART... *The Bible speaks of Jesus as a flower. For example, in one passage (The Song of Solomon 2:1) Christ says of Himself; "I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley". Those flowers, then along with others, represent Christ. And that fact that a flower, representative of Jesus, lives close to the Confirmands heart is an indication that the truth of Jesus dwells, invisibly, but actually in their hearts.*



THE WHITE ROBE... *The white robe worn by the Confirmands is a symbol of the Christian's holiness and sinlessness in the sight of his Creator. Lutheran Confirmands know that such sinlessness is not a matter of their own doing. They know that they are sinners. But by God's grace, they have learned that Christ took our sins in His own body on the Cross; "that He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities." They believe "that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin." So they can look at their white robe and, conscious of its spiritual significance, they can pray confidently:*

*"Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, My Glorious Dress.
Wherein before My God I'll stand
When I shall reach the heavenly land.*



THE BENDED KNEE... When the Confirmand kneels in the presence of God, they are saying before all the world that God is above them and that they are beneath God and that His Word is for them the principle by which they wish to live their life.

THE PUBLIC HANDCLASP... (*The Promise*).. Loyalty to Christ, both in what a person believes and in the way he lives, must be a constant loyalty, even until death. Only "he that endures to the end shall be saved". And that is what the handclasp symbolizes, which the Confirmand gives in the presence of the assembled congregation. It is a pledge that they will remain true to the Lord Jesus Christ and will live in harmony with the Gospel of Christ all the days of their life.



THE LAYING ON OF HANDS... (*The Blessing*).. The Pastor lays his hand upon the head of each Confirmand, and solemnly blesses them invoking the name of God the Holy Spirit. Following that, the Pastor proclaims a short passage from the Scriptures, which is designed to guide the individual Christian through their entire life. Through this, the Confirmand is graced with both a general and a special blessing, pronounced by his pastor in the name of the church and his Lord.

THE RECESSION... At the close of the service, the Confirmand makes a symbolic walk out of the church. This walk is to symbolize that the Young Person now is walking out into the world with the Lord as their guide. Now that they have confirmed their baptismal vow and assumed adult responsibilities and privileges within the holy, Christian church, the young person goes forward to take up their daily tasks, living out their lives to the glory of God and the service of humanity. The recession is also a symbol of their journey towards heaven,

"With the Cross of Jesus going on before..."

holy Spirit come and shine
On our souls with beams divine
Issuing from your radiance bright.
Come, O Father of the poor,
Ever bounteous of your store,
Come, our hearts' unfailing light.



Please join with us on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, 2011 as two of our Eighth Grade Students will make their Confirmations.



Happy Birthday!

Jim Behnke	5/4
Ethan Snyder	5/4
Esther Ligman	5/6
Chris Zimmerman	5/6
Dorothy Gilka	5/13
Paul Weller	5/16
Tom Callahan	5/18
Jerry Jones	5/18
Arnold Miller	5/20
Susan Miller	5/20
Bruce Block	5/21
Jim Callahan	5/21
John Semon	5/30

games will be available for any students who stay during that time.

A big **Thank You** goes to Ms. Margaret, Ms. Yulonda, and our High School students, for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt, getting the candy and prizes, and hiding the eggs. The younger, and older, students really enjoyed the hunt, searching with great enthusiasm! Thankfully, no snakes were found!

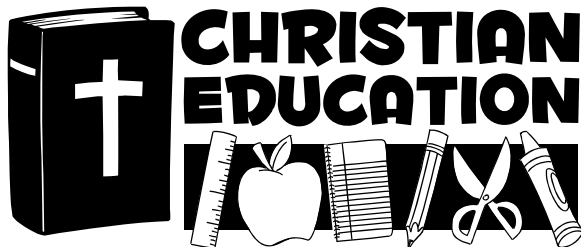
Thanks, too, to Victoria and Eddie, the Youth, and all of the helpers for Easter Sunday's Youth Breakfast. Everyone really enjoyed the wonderful meal and fellowship. Great Job!



The next upcoming event will be Graduation. We have three students graduating from High School on May 25th, Jessica Loken, Daniel Harney and Mark Potucek. Watch the upcoming bulletins for information on these graduates and their future plans. We will continue to pray for and wish these fine young people well. We received many good comments from the congregation last year about the luggage, and being able to add cards and/or little gifts for each of the graduates, so we will do that again this year. Watch the bulletin, or the back of the church, for information. Please, if you know of any other graduates in the congregation, High School, or College, provide the names to any member of the Board of Education, or the office, so that they, too, may be honored.



Lawrence & Yulonda Boutte 5/26



Even though our Sunday school year is winding down, it is still a busy time with activities ongoing. The last official day of the Sunday school year will be May 22, however if the adult class continues to meet, videos and

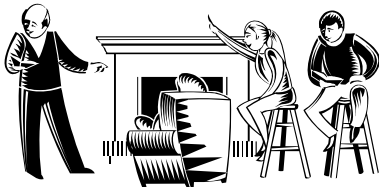
Confirmation is May 29th. We have two students being confirmed this year, Stephanie Dinkel and Ben Klock. Stephanie and Ben are both terrific young people and great catechism students who kept their teacher on her toes! In their honor, the Bd. of Ed. will host a cake and punch reception after service on May 22nd, Paper Presentation Sunday, and the Elders are to host the reception on Confirmation Sunday, May 29th. We keep them in our prayers.



Coming Soon! Vacation Bible School will be held June 27th-July 1st. We will serve a light supper to the students from 5:30 – 6:00 P.M. VBS activities will run from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The theme will be “Big Jungle Adventure, A Faith Journey with Jesus”.

PLEASE, PLEASE, consider volunteering to help with VBS. We need help with everything, including, but not limited to: a **director**; kitchen/supper, teachers; music; games and crafts. If you'd like to share your talents, serve, and participate in this great time, please, **sign up on the sheet in the hall, or contact any member of the Board of Ed.** It is an especially rewarding time for the adults who participate in VBS, and we learn as much, if not more, than the children.

Next Board of Education Meeting is on May 2nd at 6pm at the church.



Home Bible Study

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is being held at the church at 10:00 AM until further notice.



The **Women's Thursday Bible Study:** All women of the church are

invited to join us at 9:30 AM at church every Thursday.



MEN'S GROUP

The **Men's Bible Study** meets at 6AM each **Thursday**. All men of the church are welcome. The men are meeting at the Landmark Café.

LifeLight Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. **On May 25th it we will meet on Wednesday.** For more information, contact Carol Bailey, 459-3703.

Board of Elders' Bible Study The group meets at 6 AM on Fridays at church.

ELDER CARE GROUPS for 2011:

To locate your elder take the first letter of your last name and match it below. If you have any needs or any concerns, please feel free to contact your elder. The Elder care groups are as follows:

- A – B -- Jim Callahan (378-2798) (Vice Chairman)
- C – E – Jim Brt (452-1188) (Chairman)
- F – H – David Loeffelman (803-7560) (Secretary)
- I – L -- Rob Yancey (458-3166)
- M – O – Rob Miley (459-1357)
- P – R -- Andy Salazar (458-1892)
- S – V -- Steve Dinkel (458-5704)
- W – Z – Tom Wiederstein (452-0812)



Summaries of Meeting Minutes: Detailed reports are in white binder on kitchen counter

- 05/02 Board of Education Meeting, 6PM
- 05/10 Board of Evangelism, 1PM

05/10 Elders Meeting, 6PM
05/10 Council Meeting, 7PM



Contact for starting the “**Email Prayer Chain**” is Pat Weller at papw99@msn.com, or 803-9928.



Please keep in prayer, those members of the congregation who are ill, shut-in, undergoing continuing medical treatment, and recovering from surgeries.



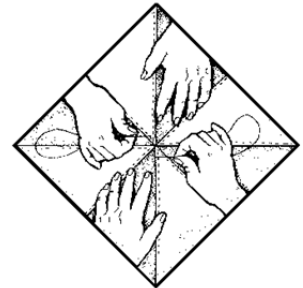
OPEN SANCTUARY:

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays, from 11 – 1 PM. Come spend some time in meditation, thought and prayer.

05/04 Joe Anderson & Connie Loeffelman
05/11 Carol Bailey & Arletta Bennett
05/18 Joe Anderson & Harold Handel
05/25 Ron Witt & Sue Roquet

The Lutheran Hour: Immanuel supports the Lutheran Hour. Listen to it at 5:30 PM Sundays on 90.9FM, on your radio.

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM SPONSORS
A “TAPE MINISTRY”... that is, they tape each Sunday’s worship service. Traveling? Sick? Working on Sundays? If you missed a Worship Service, you may pick up a recording and listen to it at your leisure. Please see one of the Board members.



Crafty Ladies! The Crafty Ladies will meet on Wednesday, May 11th at the home of Anne Kolberg at 10:00 a.m. Anne Kolberg will be providing the lunch.



Next Meeting will be. The Birthday Club will meet May 5th at 1:00 PM, at the Mountain Vista Apts., Club House, 4400 E. Busby. All women of Immanuel are invited.

There is a \$1.00 fee. We begin with refreshments and celebrating birthdays of the month, followed by a game of Bunco. If you need more information, contact Laverne Campbell, 458-1997.



May 1 will be the Spring Fling luncheon at Immanuel. Rebecca Hillebrand will be speaking on raising herbs in the desert. Her talk will include a hand on experience and each lady can go home with a potted herb. Every woman of the congregation as well as guests are invited

In May we will also be having our Spring Basket Sale in time for graduation and weddings. The ladies try to be innovative and practical with the selection of items for the baskets. The monies this year will go to our delegate fund. The delegate fund is use to help defray the costs of attending our national and district conventions. Please look and bid if anything catches your eye.

The LWML wants to thank all those who helped with the annual spring-cleaning on April 16, 2011. We succeeded in making our church sparkle for our Easter celebration.

POSTAGE STAMPS: The LWML continues to collect postage stamps will again take common stamps. Please do not trim your stamps too closely as the collectors want to be able to handle the stamps without touching the actual stamp.

Used printer cartridges: Jim Peters has volunteered to take used printer cartridges (HP, Brother, Canon, Dell, Epson, Kodak, and Lexmark cartridges) to Staples. The money will be used to help pay for some of the coffee we use. So bring your used cartridges to church, a collection box will be in the kitchen.

Remember to recycle your aluminum cans: We have a designated drop-off spot in the parking lot for your recyclable cans. A big thank you goes to Linda and Arnold Miller who faithfully handle this effort.

THRIVENT MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, MAY14th beginning at 10:30 to 1:30. Our Thrivent Chapter will be having two Educational workshops with a Bratwurst lunch break between the two of sessions. This event will be held at the Sierra Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 101 N Lenzner Ave. The fellowship hall is located to the north of the Church on Lenzner street side, with the entrance being to the side of the bldg. Thrivent members are allowed to invite a guest. The 10:30 am workshop will be on Identify Theft and at 11:30-12:30 is lunch. Starting at 12:30-1:30 the second workshop will be on an Economy Update. There will be a sign up

sheet on the board in the hall or call Laverne 458-1997 email lcampbell_sv@quest.com
Dead line for signup is **SUNDAY MAY 1ST.**

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Nate and Jenny Duessler had a healthy baby boy on April 4th. His first name is Clayton. If anyone would like to send a card, the address is: N26 W26661 Prospect Ave. Pewaukee, WI 53072

A NOTE FROM ARLO JANSSEN

Although I truly did not feel that I deserved it, I am grateful to you for honoring me, along with Pastor Jim Behnke, with emeritus status at Immanuel Church. I never was the called pastor of Immanuel, as Pastor Behnke was. I only served during pastoral vacancies. (One time it did extend to almost two years, from 1995 to 97.)

Immanuel was a 'young church-family with potential' when I served here in the 1990's. Today I see so many new faces - people of different age groups and backgrounds. It is wonderful to know that it is still a family of believers in Christ, serving Him in appreciation for His grace and mercy and striving to witness to others.

I am grateful to the Lord-of-the-Church that I can still assist in the ministry. May God richly bless our efforts to bring souls to the foot of the cross and hear our Savior say to all of us, as He did to the penitent malefactor, "You will be with Me in Paradise!

Thanks also for the expression of appreciation with the cards and gifts to Ofelia and me. We are grateful to all of you.

Love in Christ, Arlo Janssen

May 2011-Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 Bible Classes & SS LWML SPRING FLING	2 OFFICE CLOSED 6PM Board of Education Meeting <u>WOMEN'S</u>	3 No Bible Study @ 10 <u>RETREAT</u>	4 Open Sanctuary 11- 1 –Joe A. & Carol B. <u>IN TUCSON</u>	5 6AM Men's Bible Study 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 1PM Birthday Club	6 6:00AM Elder's Meeting Office Closed	7 Choir Practice
8 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 Bible Class & Sunday School <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 Bible Study @ Church 10:00 am 1PM Board of Evangelism 6PM Elders 7PM Council	11 Open Sanctuary 11- 1 –Connie L.. & Arletta B. Crafty Ladies @ 10AM	12 6AM Men's Bible Study 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM LifeLight Bible	13 6AM Elder's Meeting Office Closed	14 9:30 Choir Practice
15 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 Conversa- tional Discussion Sunday School	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 Bible Study @ Church 10:00 am	18 Open Sanctuary 11- 1 – Joe A. & Harold H.	19 6AM Men's Bible Study 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM LifeLight Bible Study	20 6AM Elder's Meeting Office Closed	21 NO Choir Practice
22 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 Bible Classes & SS Confirmation Papers Reading	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 Bible Study @ 10:00 am	25 Open Sanctuary 11- 1 – Ron W. & Sue R. 6:30 PM LifeLight Bible Study	26 6AM Men's Bible Study 9:30AM Women's Bible Study	27 6AM Elder's Meeting	28 NO Choir Practice
29 9:30 AM Confirmation Sunday Worship Service 10:45 Bible Classes	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 Bible Study @ 10:00 am				



May
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 Education Hour

Lay Readers for May:

05/01 Anne Kolberg
05/08 Rebecca Hillebrand
05/15 Chuck Potucek
05/22 Pat Weller
05/29 Chris Zimmerman

Evangelism: May
Open Sanctuary – Wednesday
11AM to 1PM

05/04 Joe Anderson & Connie Loeffelman
05/11 Carol Bailey & Arletta Bennett
05/18 Joe Anderson & Harold Handel
05/25 Ron Witt & Sue Roquet

Ushers for May
Arnold Miller & Brad Snyder

Elders for May
Rob Miley & Rob Yancey

Greeters for May
Opal Brt & Marge Phillips

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THIS MONTH:

05/01 Behnke Family
05/08 Laverne Campbell
05/15 Jackie Kuehnert
05/22 Yulonda Boutte
05/29 Confirmation Sunday

ACOLYTES



Acolytes for May

05/01 Seamus Eliason
05/08 Bethany Nelson
05/15 Ariel Conroy
05/22 Tanner Gaxiola
05/29 Michael Dinkel

ALTAR GUILD

05/01 Maureen Potucek
05/08 Maureen Potucek
05/15 Emily Fairbank
05/22 Emily Fairbank
05/29 Julia Hindbaugh

Members:

Anne Kolberg – Chairman, Janice Benavides, Emily Fairbank, Cathy Gilbert, Karin Graham, Julia Hindbaugh, Lova Jones, Ann Peters, Maureen Potucek, Janice Salazar, Victoria Yarbrough

We thank Anne Kolberg and all of the women of the Altar Guild for their service.



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