

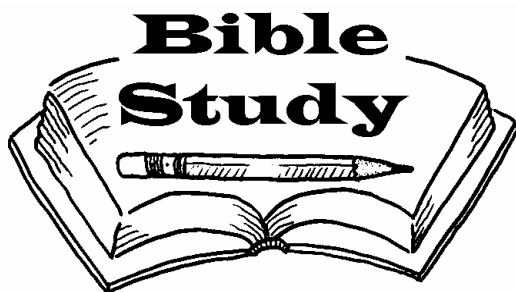
WORSHIP NEWS

July 2009

St Matthew Worship at 8:30 Immanuel Worship at 10:30

- August 2 – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- August 9 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- August 16 – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- August 23 - Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- August 30 - Worship Service of Word and Prayer
St Matthew Rally Day
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am

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Bible Study

Mondays- August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 - 1:00 pm at Immanuel & at the home of Clint and Winnie Boriack on Monday August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 7:00 pm.

We will be studying the book of Acts, using the study guide "**Acts for Everyone**" by N. T. Wright.

Teaching Tuesdays

Will not meet again until September after the Washington County Fair.

Lutherhill Programmed Retreats for Fall – Spring

SPECIAL GUEST BISHOP MIKE RINEHART FALL FAMILY RETREAT THIS NOVEMBER!

Lutherhill is honored to have Bishop Mike Rinehart spiritually leading the Fall Family Retreat November 6-8, 2009. Bishop Rinehart is a big supporter of family ministry demonstrated by many involvements including contributing to the book "Up the Creek with a Paddle: Building Effective Youth and Family Ministry" and sitting on the board for the Center for Youth and Family Ministry at Wartburg Seminary. In addition to the bible study being led by the Bishop, you'll enjoy the many activities Lutherhill has to offer including ropes, arts & crafts, and more. Register online at www.lutherhill.org!

SEPTEMBER

18TH – 20TH Cooking Retreat

OCTOBER

2nd – 4th Women's Fall Getaway
9th – 11th Men's Weekend

NOVEMBER

6th – 8th Fall Family Retreat
With Bishop Mike Rinehart

JANUARY

22nd – 24th Mother Daughter Retreat

MARCH

5th – 7th Women's Pampering Retreat

Members in Nursing Homes or shut in...

Margaret Heideman Lorena Randermann Ella Buerger
Louise Bell Loesch Ruth Koester Harold Strang
Mary Helen Cade Bob Eccleston Alfred Gaskamp
Nelda Gaskamp

Those seeing doctors, continuing treatments and/or recovering from surgery...

Trenton Stewart Elwood Wehring Sylvia Dannhaus
Leeroy Kramer Barbara Hollis Bernice Sommerfeld
Judy Kieke Ella Buerger Don Bolenbarr
Jerry Kieke Erma Luetge

In our extended family...

Evelyn Wodrich
Lily Vines & Ruby McLain – Aunts to Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte
Ollie Newmann – Roxanne Buro's aunt
Henry Roesse – Roxanne Buro's father
Connie Hetzel – Friend of Frances Scheffer
Fritzie Jaehne - friend of Sherry Mahlmann
Malet Weatherby – friend of Scheffer & Mahlmann families
Brenda Meadows – friend of many
Robert Terrian – son-in-law of Ed & Sylvia Dannhaus
Lauren Davis – friend of many
David Ryan Fuller – friend of Pam Schroeder
Doris Jankowiak – friend of many
Johnny Jongebloed - friend of Alice Petty
Shawn Presnell – Barbara Hollis' daughter
Ray Goehring – Barbara Hollis's brother
Carolyn Finley – mother of Dwayne Brown
Elsie & Leroy Boenker – cousin of Renee Lambert
Gregory Rybarski – brother of Christie Schroeder
Michael Danford – nephew of Doris and Bob Burk
Levi Luvaas – father of Marlene Randermann
Frank Dickschat – uncle of Renee Lambert
Hortense Rhodes – sister of Marjorie Heckman and Gerdine Blome
Dolly Krause – step daughter of Erma Luetge
Viola Giese – mother of Wayne Giese & friend of Erma Luetge
Donald Carter – son of Barbara Hollis
Charles Steele – brother-in-law of Oscar Fuelberg
Garrett Allen – grandson of Don & Glenda Bradley
Ken VanGonten – son-in-law of Ed & Edna Weiss
Brad Klausmeyer – friend of Stephen & Deanna Scheffer
Susi Grough – daughter of Alice Petty
Marie Wilson – sister-in-law of Ruth Kelling
Crystal Lewis – friend of Don & Glenda Bradley
Charles Rau – brother-in-law of Nadine Rau
Mack Machacek – son-in-law of Erna Luetge
Keith Eickenhorst

Thanksgiving for Improvements

Al Radke Mildred Moehlmann Theckla Hofschneider
Erich Oberhoff Mary Helen Cade Amy Hodges
In Christian Sympathy to Family and Friends of
Lonie Mae Murski – sister of Johnnie Eickenhorst
Nina Ellermann Thekla Lueckemeyer

St Matthew

DOOR OFFERINGS FOR PERU IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. SILENT AUCTION FOR QUILT.

Fifty-four people from 8 congregations will fly to Lima July 27 - August 3 to visit our sister congregations, worship, paint and help build a house at Belen and participate in a festival on Saturday for approximately 600 children. Presently women from St. Paul's in La Grange are planning craft projects for the children that day. We hope to hear a Temple Talk on their experience.

Anthony Franco, the young man that we helped sponsor, is now serving as a youth leader at Emanuel. A decision will need to be made in August if our offerings this year will go as before in helping children attend school or if we decide to help with the critical need for part-time salaries for the pastors.

Those who have internet access will enjoy seeing a movie on our work in Peru.

See <http://www.godsworkeourhands.org/v/237,peru-our-companion-synod.html>

Immanuel - Second Saturday

The Immanuel church council invites everyone to "Second Saturday" at 8:00 am Saturday, August 8.
Breakfast provided.
We will have time for fellowship.

A signup sheet is in the parish hall for anyone interested in making/bringing breakfast

Volunteers Serving in the Community

Lay Visitors – Immanuel – Delivering bulletins

Please support these disciples and our shut-ins with your prayers. Barbara Kohring and Elois Eickenhorst are serving in August.

Senior Meals - Those delivering meals for Washington County Healthy Living Association from both Immanuel and St Matthew are Pastor Abbott and Louise, Larry & Florine Allen, Edna Schroeder, Alice Petty, and Ruth Kelling.

Joint Council Meeting

Council members of both congregations will meet @ St Matthew at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 26.

Pastor Abbott on Vacation

Pastor Abbott will be on vacation from August 12, 13 and 14. For Pastoral Care call Pastor Mike Button of Christ Lutheran, 836-5585.

Nursing Home Visits

Tuesday, August 11 join Pastor for services at Brenham Rest Home @ 10:30 am.



St Matthew Sunday School

Rally Day at St Matthew Sunday, August 30

Cookie & punch party (and practice songs) in Sunday School hour at 9:30

Kids will sing some VBS songs in Church at 10:30 service

Installation of Sunday School Superintendent and Teachers.

Sunday School Superintendent - Frances Dana

Teachers - Frances Dana, Stephanie Koehler, Rachel Niebuhr, Emily Dana, Sherry Mahlmann

Fall Family Fun Day Sunday, October 11th

We will car pool from church to Horseshoe Junction after the 10:30 service. Anyone wanting to participate from both St. Matthew and Weideville church is welcome to attend. All you need to bring is a church bulletin and \$5.00 per person for all you can eat pizza and drinks.

IMMANUEL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

Captain: Eugene Bothe

- 2nd – Larry Allen, Bill Yawn
- 9th – Bill Yawn
- 16th – Larry Allen, Larry Kieke
- 23rd – Tyler Eickenhorst, Ben Eickenhorst
- 30th – Larry Allen, Bill Yawn

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR AUGUST

- 2nd – Kaley Joswiak
- 9th – Jana Ahlers
- 16th – Kelcie Maurer
- 23rd – Ben Eickenhorst
- 30th – Tatum Westerfeld

FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

- 2nd – Nadine Rau
- 9th – Cheryl Joswiak
- 16th – Ernest and Erline Wellmann
- 23rd – Amy Flynn
- 30th – Barbara Kohring

ACOLYTES FOR AUGUST

- 2nd –
- 9th –
- 16th –
- 23rd –
- 30th –

ST MATTHEW

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

Mike Gajeske, Captain (836-9500)

Paul and Dustin Buro
Charles Gajeske
Allen Gajeske

Stanley Sommer & Billy Scheffer – Communion Assistant

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR AUGUST

- 2nd – Emily Dana
- 9th – Dwayne Brown
- 16th – Michelle Lampe
- 23rd – Mark Niebuhr
- 30th – Stanley Sommer

FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

- 2nd – Harold & Wauldeen Schwarze in honor of Amy's birthday
- 9th – Mike and Shirley Gajeske & family
- 16th – Nelda Schroeder family in memory of Elroy
- 23rd – Marilyn Sommer in memory of Floyd
- 30th – Barbara Kramer and Dorothy Schulte

Fill cups for Communion: Barbara Kramer and Dorothy Schulte
Wash Communion ware: Susan Busby and Peggy Ward

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
August Baptisms



Gladys Schwarze	5
Johnnie Eckert	9
Albert Duch	11
Colton Buro	25
Roxanne Buro	26
Jeanelle Kelm	27
Sherry Mahlmann	27
Dale Moehlmann	29

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
August Birthdays



Bradley Mueller	4
Marlene Randermann	4
Amy Schwarze	5
Barbara Pohlmeyer	6
Cindy Kettler	8
Sherry Mahlmann	9
Melissa Boutch	11
Roger Ellermann	11
Sharon Eccleston	12
Terry Winkelmann	14
Irene Schroeder	19
Courtney Andersen	21
Edna Schroeder	22
Gerdine Blome	25
Mildred Moehlmann	29

Immanuel Lutheran Church
August Baptisms



Eric Sommerfield	7
Harvey Wellmann	10
Tara Wellmann	13
Florine Allen	14
Ruth Koester	15
Timothy Wellmann	17
Pam Bothe	21
Ronnie Bothe	21
Dorothy Maurer	24
Alfred Kalbow	26
Kristy Steinfield	28

Immanuel Lutheran Church
August Birthdays



Doris Kramer	1
Jeff Wellmann	1
Drenda Wellmann	1
Alfred Kalbow	3
Jon Westerfeld	5
Maria Senftleber	7
Barbara Hollis	9
Patty Addicks	10
Don Goodwin	10
Byron Hohlt	11
Bill Winkelmann	11
Brandie Bothe	12
Glenver Eilers	12
Arnold Dreyer	14
Ernest Wellmann	14
Terry Winkelmann	14
Abby Seale	17
Dorothy Maurer	18
Donald Wellmann	18
Jason Hupe	19
Halle Wellmann	20
Tatum Westerfeld	21
William Maxwell	23
Alton Sommerfield	23
Burt Wellmann	23
Amy Flynn	25
Gernell Jasinski	25
Barbara Kohring	28
David Steinfeld	29
Tammy Bosse	30

Tx – La Gulf Coast Leadership Summit August 29, 2009

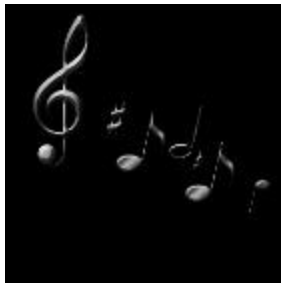
Designed to equip Pastors, council members, staff members
and

Key ministry leaders for connecting in their communities
**The Synod Assembly has introduced a re-rooting process,
but what does that mean for leadership in the church?**

Professional and Congregational Leaders

Covenant Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas

Registration will open July 27, 2009 and close on August 10,
2009



Choir Notes-Immanuel August 2009

The choir will meet at 8 AM each Sunday in August,
beginning August 2nd. We will sing each Sunday. August
will be “favorite song” month. Anyone who has a favorite
that they would like the choir to sing, let me or one of the
choir members know and we’ll sing it during the month.
We welcome all new singers to join us.

50 days of prayer

we are invited and encouraged by ELCA Bishop Hansen to be
in daily prayer for 50 days for the church-wide assembly.
Prayers continues through August 23. A Handout is available
at the church.

Stanley Sommer is one of the lay delegates from our synod, and
will be at the assembly.

St Matthew WELCA

St. Matthew Calendar:

August 7 - 9 Four of our women to attend Joint WELCA
Synod Convention at Camp Allen near Navasota.

August 16, 5- 7 p.m. MOTHER - DAUGHTER - FRIEND
SALAD SUPPER

August 23, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study on "Mary Among the
Disciples" led by Edna Schroeder

August 25 - Quilting

Lutheran World Relief

**St Matthew WELCA will be collecting items for
School Kits in August.**

Supplies needed:

1 thick 8 x 10 tablet (150-200 count)

1 eraser (2-1/2 inch)

1 pair blunt scissors

1 box 8 crayons

1 small pencil sharpener

1 – 12” ruler with metric

6 unsharpened pencils

12 sheets construction paper

Leave your items in the Entryway

Keeping in Touch

Pastor Abbott:

Call - 251-4992 - Pastor Abbott’s cell phone –

E-Mail pastorabbott@earthlink.net – for Pastor Abbott

St Matthew: Call - 836-8894 – the office @ St Matthew

E-mail - Smichurch @hotmail.com

Website – stmatthewbrenham.org

Immanuel: Call - 836-6780 – the office @ Immanuel.

E-mail - Smichurch @hotmail.com

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Year to date General Fund income	44,445.00
Year to date operating expenses	45,232.00
Year to date income minus expenses	- 787.00

2009 Annual Budget = 88,066.00

½ annual budget = 44,033.00

SUPPER

**Immanuel WELCA General Meeting
Wednesday, August 12**

6:30 pm

**Donna Black will speak on volunteerism at
the Nursing Homes**

**Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School
Swimming Party**

July 30

5:30 –

**Blue Bell Aquatic Center
Pizza and Ice Cream**

**End of Year Sunday School & Confirmation Party
Horseshoe Junction**

August 20

5:30 – 9:00 pm

Rally Day at Immanuel

Immanuel Rally Day and Installation of teachers is being planned for September 6. Hamburgers with trimmings will be served. Free will offering will go to camp.



28th Annual Holy Open CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

The time for the 18th Annual Holy Open Charity Golf Classic is fast approaching! With the help of so many we were able to share, over the past 17 years, more than \$140,000 with several local charities within the county!!

The 18th Annual “Holy Open” will be held **Saturday, August 15, 2009, at the Brenham Country Club.**

Again the goal of this tournament is to have a great day of golf and fellowship while helping several organizations who serve the least fortunate of this county. This years’ beneficiaries will be **Bread Partners of Washinton County, Goodfellows of Washington County, Faith Mission & Help Center, Hospice of Washington County, and Focusing Families.**

We encourage Congregation members to form teams and enter the golf tournament.

For questions and/or additional information, you can call Terry Huebner at 979-836-1274 or Pastor Charles Parnell at 979-836-9320.

Queen Candidate

Emily Dana has been chosen to represent the 4-H as a queen candidate for the Washington County Fair. If you need tickets call 836-4235 or 421-0571.



Pastor's Notes: "**Well I heard**"

In the days leading up to the Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis you will hear a lot of rumors about what the ELCA is up to. Indeed, I spent some time recently discussing a rumor that came out of the work of the synod assembly. The people I talked with had "heard" something and wanted to see if it was true. They asked me and when I told them what was really done and said their response went something like this. "OH, that is just what the other delegate to the synod assembly told us too." It took hearing the same thing from two different people who were actually at the assembly, to put a dent in a rumor that was just plain wrong.

Rumors spread so rapidly, and are so hard to stop because they speak to our fears. Fear is very powerful. When someone we know tells us something that confirms our fears we can say to ourselves "See, I was right!" and somehow we feel better.

The power of fear and the power of sin are so mixed together that the phrase "do not be afraid" appears 15 times in the 4 gospels. We are reminded in 1 John

4:18 *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.*

What are we to do?

First: Find out for yourself! Look for information directly from those involved: not someone who told someone, who told me, so I am telling you. Even TV and newspapers can get the story wrong - just because you "saw it on TV" or "read it in the newspaper." does not mean 100% accuracy.

Second: Follow Luther's advice about how to see the world. In his explanation of the 8th Commandment, Luther reminds us that not only are we to not lie about our neighbor "*but defend him, say good things about him, and see the best side of everything he does.*" In other words, think the best, not the worst. Think in love and not in fear.

So when you hear something "awful" and "just can't believe they would do something like that," really do what you say. Don't believe it. Don't believe in your fear, believe in God's love.

Peace, and fear not,

Jim

Lutheran Social Services

The lobby of Krause Children's Center in Katy, Texas, received a much-needed renovation, courtesy of HomeAid Houston and the Greater Houston Builders Association. "It's like walking into a new building!" said Diane Covert, development director for Krause. "We are so very grateful for the generosity of HomeAid, GHBA and all who put their hearts into this project." Krause Children's Center cares for boys and girls, ages 11 to 17, who have severe emotional and behavioral problems as a result of past abuse and neglect. For more information, visit www.KrauseChildrensCenter.org.



Experience the power of the Passion of Christ!

Travel with Pastor David Hansen, St John's, to Germany and experience the world famous Passion Play of Oberammergau. Along the way, we will visit the historic sites of the life of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation.

Spots will fill quickly—reserve yours now, you won't want to miss out on this unique opportunity.

Trip Details

The cost of the trip is \$4,499 (based on prices & fees of January 2009). This includes round-trip airfare from Houston, double occupancy accommodations, two meals most days, special local entertainment, deluxe tour bus through Germany, a professional tour director, and tickets to the play.

Pastor Hansen took part in a nearly identical trip in 2000, and will be along to lead our trip and provide insight on the history of our tour.

For more detailed information contact Pastor Hansen by phone (836-8666) or email (pastorhansen@stjohnprairiehill.org).

JOINT IMMANUEL - ST. MATTHEW MOTHER - DAUGHTER - FRIEND SALAD SUPPER

AUGUST 16, 5 - 7 P.M. AT ST. MATTHEW

All women of the church are invited to bring a friend!

Speaker: Suzanne Bathe, Cypress: "Living My Christian faith"

Pre-registration sign up sheet at each church.

Deadline Aug 9



Congratulations to Newlyweds

Nathan Wellmann and Amanda Minor, who were married at Immanuel on July 11.

Jeanie Haevischer and Ronson Muegge, who were married at St Matthew on July 18.