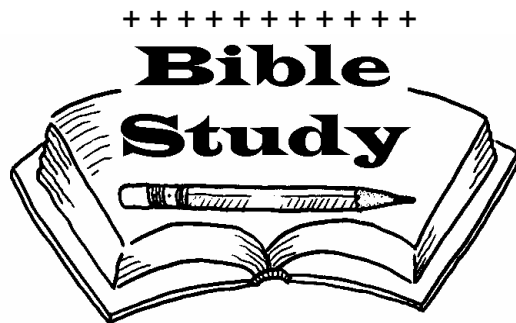


WORSHIP NEWS

January 2009

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

- Jan 4 – Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Sunday Schools 9:30
- Jan 11 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools 9:30
- Jan 18 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools 9:30
Immanuel Congregation meeting following service
Immanuel WELCA meeting @ 1pm
- Jan 25 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools 9:30



Bible Study

Mondays- Jan 19 and 26, - 1:00pm at Immanuel and the same lesson again Wednesday- Jan 21 and 28 at 7:00 pm—

The topic is still to be announced.

A Bible Study led by Pastor Abbott.

Immanuel WELCA General Meeting

January 18

1pm

SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION

One hundred and ten women were at Covenant in Houston for the synod gathering Oct. 25. An offering of \$2,540 was divided between Churchwide and the Lutheran Port Chaplaincy Fund at the Houston Seafarers Center. A large number of physical offerings were brought for the Krause Center at Katy. This LSSS facility serves youth between the ages of 13 – 18 who are referred by Children's Protective Services or the courts. The Center is licensed to serve 30 girls and 30 boys. The leader of the workshop I attended said these young people are like a very valuable painting waiting in a dumpster to be discovered by someone. One young man 17 had already lived in 13 facilities. Neglect had caused memory loss. A girl named Amy was referred by the Juvenile Probation Dept. Both of her parents were in jail. She was living with a grandmother. She viewed herself as "worthless." Their average stay at Krause is a year. Hopefully by that time they can be placed in a foster home. Krause is a locked down facility, dormitory style with 2 or 3 to a room. They have Registered Counselors, a Therapist for every 6 – 8, Nurses, a state charter school, "Plato" – an inventive method of catching up on work they have missed. I asked about coming sometime to observe particularly in the school setting. If anyone else is interested, let me know. Ruth Kelling

St Matthew Choir Notes



St. Matthew Lutheran Church Choir will practice on all Sunday, January 11 and Sunday, January 25 at 8:00 a.m. We will be learning new hymns and liturgical music from our new Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal. This is an important part of enriching our worship, and you can be a part of the leadership helping the congregation. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to participate!

Volunteers Serving in the Community

Lay Visitors – Immanuel – Delivering bulletins

Please support these disciples and our shut-ins with your prayers. Nadine Rau and Dot Yawn are serving in January.

Senior Meals

Those delivering meals for Washington County Healthy Living Association from both Immanuel and St Matthews are Pastor Abbott, Larry & Florine Allen, Edna Schroeder, Alice Petty, Ruth Kelling, and Elaine Thielemann

Immanuel - Second Saturday -

The Immanuel church council invites everyone to "Second Saturday" at 8:00 am Saturday, January 10. Breakfast provided. We will have time for fellowship.

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

Join us for food and fellowship. We hope to make Second Saturday a time for fellowship every month.

Nursing Home Visits

Join Pastor on Sunday, January 25 for Nursing Home Services at Brenham Rest Home @ 2:30 and Kruse Village @ 3:30pm.

Pastor Abbott on Vacation

The council has permitted Pastor Abbott to use most of the remainder of his 2008 vacation in early January. Pastor Abbott will be away January 2 through 9. For help in an emergency while he is away call Pastor David Hansen, St John Prairie Hill 836-8666 or Pastor Charles Parnell, Salem Lutheran 836-9320.

Guest Minister

On Jan. 4 Rev. Karen Nelson will be our guest minister.

St Matthew New Hymnals

The new hymnals (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) were dedicated the first Sunday in Advent. A list of those given in memory and/or honor of someone was printed in the December newsletter. Accidentally omitted was that the Altar book, Ministers Desk Edition, Index, Accompaniment books and 100 hymnals were given by the Family and Friends of Floyd Sommer.

The following have been given since the last newsletter:
Given by: Frank, Christie, Caroline & Sophie Schroder in memory of Elroy Schroeder

Caroline & Sophie Schroder (granddaughters) in memory of Elroy Schroder

Johnny & Mary Ulrich in memory of sister Erma Walker

If anyone still wants to give a hymnal (s) in memory of honor of someone, you can by filling out a pink slip (found in the back of the church), make check out to St. Matthew for \$22.50 per hymnal and put in offering plate or contract Frances Scheffer @ 836-9675.

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

St Matthew General Meeting

Sunday, February 1 after service

Meal to follow

Everyone is encouraged to come.

St Matthew Reports Due

Reports for the General Meeting are due to the Office by January 20



Thank you to Immanuel WELCA for a wonderful brunch following the services on Dec. 14.

Thank you to outgoing Council Members who served St Matthew Lutheran Church faithfully:
 Stanley Sommer – Chairman Thank you Stanley for serving another term.
 Paul Buro – Treasurer
 Billy Scheffer – Worship
 Nelda Schroeder – for filling the remainder of Elroy's term

Thank you to outgoing Council Members who served Immanuel Lutheran Church faithfully:
 Mark Eickenhorst - Chairman
 Jon Westerfeld - Trustee
 Pauline Hodges – Elder

Thank you to outgoing WELCA Chair Shirley Dreyer.

Thank you to Ann Sommer for helping us with the new bulletin outline and helping plan the Worship services during Advent.

Co-op Confirmation

Confirmation 3:00 pm St John Prairie Hill -- January 11 Topic: Miracles

Confirmation spring retreat - Beatitudes - January 18-19 - Meet at Zionsville for dinner at 5:30 then Carpool to Luther Hill. We will be back at Zionsville by 2:30 on Monday, the 19th. -- Jan 19 is the Martin Luther King holiday no school

All Women of St. Matthew

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Thankoffering. \$657.90 will be forwarded to the Women of the ELCA. "Our Thankofferings support the total outreach of the ELCA, including specific programs of the women's organization."

Thank you for your time and talents - through the Altar Guild, providing flowers for church, making or tacking quilts for LWR, teaching Sunday School or Vacation Bible School. God blesses the hearts of the givers as well as the receivers.

Calendar for January

January 11 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study on Daniel 3 - 4 led by Sandy Wodrich.

We are looking for "The Hidden Hand of God" in our lives as well as Daniel's.

January 27 - 9 - 11:30 a.m. Quilting

These dedications were accidentally left out of the newsletter in December

POINSETTIA GIVEN ST MATTHEW



IN HONOR OF

Shirley J. Abbott
 Martha N. Clough
 Corene's Birthday Dec. 6
 Our 3 beautiful children
 Sherry Teller, Johnny Ulrich & Wendy Potter
 La Verne Weiss
 Henry Al & Nina Ellermann

FROM

Jim & Louise Abbott
 Jim & Louise Abbott
 Corene Niemeyer
 John & Mary Ulrich
 Sandra Duch
 Rudy & Frances Dana
 Ron & Barbara Pohlmeier

IMMANUEL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

Captain: Pauline Hodges

- 4th – Kim Hodde, Wade Wellmann, Corrine Estrada
Brianna Huoe
11th – Anna Rogers, Kim Hodde
18th – Kim Hodde, Colleen Bentke
25th – Waylon Maxwell, Wade Wellmann

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JANUARY

- 4th – Tyler Eickenhorst
11th – Tatum Westerfeld
18th – Tatum Westerfeld
25th – Corrine Estrade

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

- 4th – Shirley & Bubba Dreyer in honor of their 50th
wedding anniversary
11th – Lorena Randermann & Janice McClendon
18th – Jon & Kim Hodde in honor of their 25th wedding
anniversary
25th - Jim & Louise Abbott

ACOLYTES FOR JANUARY

- 4th –
11th – Waylon Maxwell
18th – Anna Rogers
25th – Tatum Westerfeld

ST MATTHEW

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

Billy Scheffer, Captain (836-9675)

Brian Scheffer
Stephen Scheffer
Mark Niebuhr

Nelda Schroeder – Communion Assistant

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JANUARY

- 4TH – Michelle Lampe
11th – Ruth Kelling
Renee Lambert
18th- Stephanie Koehler
25th – Kailey Studhalter

FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

- 4th – Edward & Carrie Scheffer in memory of James
11th – Matt & Michelle Lampe, Megan & Mason in honor of
Michelle's birthday
18th –
25th – Anita Oberhoff in memory of Erich

Fill cups for Communion: Sharon Eccleston & Alice Petty
Wash Communion ware: Carol Koch & Annie Mae Studhalter

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
January Baptism



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|--------------------|----|
| Ruth Duch | 1 |
| Henry Al Ellermann | 1 |
| Matt Lampe | 4 |
| Marlene Randermann | 5 |
| Kathy Lehmann | 8 |
| Allen Gajeske | 9 |
| Mark Lehmann | 15 |
| Zebedee Heckmann | 15 |
| Gary Randermann | 17 |
| Daniel Muegge | 19 |
| Shannon Schwartz | 25 |
| Carol Westerfeld | 27 |

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
January Birthday



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|-------------------|----|
| Harold Schwarze | 1 |
| Shirley Gajeske | 3 |
| Tyler Norsworthy | 8 |
| Kailey Studhalter | 9 |
| Ruth Kelling | 10 |
| Michelle Lampe | 10 |
| Shannon Schwartz | 11 |
| Carrie Scheffer | 12 |
| Trevor Eckert | 14 |
| Addie Schwartz | 14 |
| Michael Muegge | 15 |
| Keith Mahlmann | 15 |
| Melissa Muegge | 15 |
| Billy Scheffer | 17 |
| Alice Petty | 18 |
| Larry Koch | 19 |
| Corey Finke | 20 |
| Mary Cade | 24 |
| Justin Dana | 24 |
| Billy Ward | 26 |
| Jonathan Ward | 26 |
| Nina Ellermann | 29 |
| Patsy Schroeder | 31 |
| Rachel Buro | 31 |

Immanuel Lutheran Church
January Baptisms



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|--------------------|----|
| Jackie Eickenhorst | |
| Larry Allen | 1 |
| Dale Steinfeld | 8 |
| Louise Loesch | 10 |
| J. R. Sommerfield | 10 |
| Joyce Sommerfield | 10 |
| Mark Eickenhorst | 11 |
| Misty Hodde | 12 |
| Bradley Kohring | 12 |
| William Peters | 14 |
| Kenleigh Wellmann | 14 |
| Janie Wellmann | 15 |
| Anne Bosse | 18 |
| Sabra Jasinski | 21 |
| Alfred Gaskamp | 22 |
| Carol Westerfeld | 27 |

Immanuel Lutheran Church
January Birthdays



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|---------------------|----|
| Bernice Sommerfield | 4 |
| Anne Bosse | 5 |
| Billy Bender | 7 |
| Elois Eickenhorst | 8 |
| Louise Loesch | 9 |
| Lenora Wellmann | 9 |
| Ruth Kelling | 10 |
| Leon Wellmann | 11 |
| Neil Maurer | 13 |
| Anna Rogers | 15 |
| Shannon Winkelmann | 16 |
| Jon Hodde | 20 |
| Chase Coghlan | 20 |
| Nelda Gaskamp | 21 |
| Shawn Bolenbarr | 21 |
| Dot Yawn | 24 |
| Cheryl Joswiak | 26 |
| Virginia Tappe | 28 |
| Jeanie Haevischer | 28 |
| Christy Burleson | 28 |
| Betty Wellmann | 29 |
| Glenn Wellmann | 31 |

Immanuel Council Highlights

Minutes: of the November meeting and financial reports for November were approved.

Old business:

- Playground is equipment still on hold.
- Progress being made on revising old constitution. Will work more on it in January.
- New council members: Pauline Hodges and Bill Yawn. We are still looking for another person.

New Business:

- Mark Eickenhorst checked on wasps in church. We will check with termite control. Further action will be taken.
- Paint is coming off part of church near the 2 church air conditioning units. We will check further areas to see if the church will need a new paint job.
- Motion made, seconded and passed to have Holy Communion the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

We went over the whole budget item by item. We will finalize the budget and send to the whole congregation in early January, 2009

Immanuel General Meeting

Sunday, January 18 after service

Meal to follow

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Reports for the General Meeting are due to the Office by January 6

Members in Nursing Homes or shut in...

Lonie Addicks Margaret Heideman Lorena Randermann
Louise Bell Loesch Ella Buerger Ruth Koester
Harold Strang Carrie Mae Wellmann Herbert Bosse
Bob Eccleston

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

Nina Ellermann Trenton Stewart Ann Sommer
Louise Loesch Elwood Wehring Mary Helen Cade
Becky Hardy Bill Yawn Lee Roy Weiss Sylvia Dannhaus

In our extended family...

Evelyn Wodrich
Lily Vines & Ruby McLain – Aunts to Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte
Ollie Newmann – Roxanne Buro's aunt
Henry Roese – Roxanne Buro's father
Gail Jessup – Niece of Erma Luetge
Connie Hetzel – Friend of Frances Scheffer
Jeannine Schwartz – Wife of Rev. John Schwartz
Cheryl Hetrick – sister-in-law of Debbie Brown
Larry Peters - father of Michelle Lampe
Fritzie Jaehne - friend of Sherry Mahlmann
Charles Steele – brother-in-law of Oscar Fuelberg, uncle of Pauline Hodges
Victoria Morey – mother of Dayton & Sandra Wodrich's son-in-law
Dolly Krause – step daughter of Erma Luetke
Wilbert Eickhoff – father of Judy Kieke
Malet Weatherby – friend of Scheffer & Mahlmann families
Brenda Meadows – friend of many
Eunell Weyand – grandmother of Matt Lampe
Dennis Siegmund – Step-father of Michelle Lampe
Robert Terrian – son-in-law of Ed & Sylvia Dannhaus
Lauren Davis – Friend of Sandra Duch
Elsie Bunker - related to Renee Lambert
Robert Luetge – Step-son of Erma Luetge
David Ryan Fuller – friend of Pam Schroeder
Joe Ed Smith – friend of Pastor & Shawn Presnell
Doris Jankowiak – friend of many
Johnny Jongbloed - friend of Alice Petty

Thanksgiving for Improvements

Brett Coghlan Colton Coghlan Kim Hodde
LaVerne Weiss Michelle Lampe
Bernice Sommerfield Dot Yawn

In Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of

Erma E Walker – sister of Mary Ulrich
Milton Eckermann – brother-in-law of Edward Dannhaus & friend of many