

PARISH NEWS

June 2008

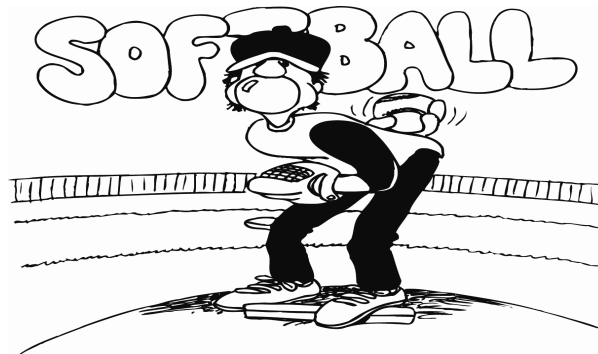
8:30 am – Worship at Immanuel w/ Holy Communion June 1
9:30 am – Sunday Schools at both Churches
10:30 am – Worship at St Matthew w/ Holy Communion June 1
For both Churches the remaining Sundays will be
the Service of Word and Prayer

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. **WANTED:** volunteer to type about 5 pages into your computer. This is information about what confirmation students believe and was collected as part of a confirmation exercise that the pastors want to share. So, when finished, you would need to give the finished document on a disk or e-mail to Pastor Abbott.

Wanted: Servant leaders to travel to New Orleans for a week of work. Pastor Abbott plans to go to New Orleans. Join him and others from Texas and Louisiana as we travel from Lutherhill to New Orleans as we answer the call to put our faith into action. Hurricane Katrina was almost 3 years ago, but from the look of many places in new Orleans, the water just left. There is work for us to do. **DATES: July 6-11**
James 1:22 ¶ But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

You are free to go!



Church Softball

Will begin play after Mother's Day. Players are needed. Both young (under 25) and older players. Call Ronnie Bothe: home (979) 836-6469 work (979) 836-2391

All games are played at Linda Anderson Park
Schedule:

5/27	8pm	field 2	Washington
5/29	8pm	field 2	St Paul Lutheran
6/3	9pm	field 1	St Mary's
6/5	7pm	field 2	First Methodist
6/10	8pm	field 3	Burton/Rehburg
6/12	9pm	field 1	Gay Hill/First Baptist

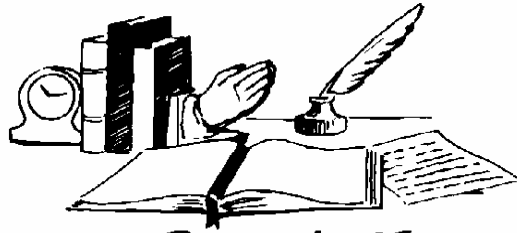
Round Robin Games

6/17	9pm	field 1	Christ Lutheran
6/19	7pm	field 2	Calvary Baptist

Come and support our team.

Lay Visitors – Immanuel – Delivering bulletins

Please support these disciples and our shut-ins with your prayers. Those who are serving in June:
Rich and Jana Ahlers



the Pastor's Notes

Pastor's Letter Bible Study

Last month my Pastor's Letter was about prayer. This month, I would like to share a few words about another basic part of our lives as disciples, Bible Study.

The Gospel for Sunday, May 18, is still on my mind. The text was the final words of Matthew's gospel - the verses that are often called "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28: 19-20). ***Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.***

The only way we can carry out the commission that Jesus gave to his disciples -- that means us -- is to make Bible Study a regular part of our life. Whether it is by formal classes, or serious conversations, we are required to be "***teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.***" And the place where we come to know and live Jesus' commands is in the Bible.

As Lutherans, we have a great heritage. It was Luther and the other reformers who brought bible study to the whole congregation. And I am encouraged to report that the ELCA is starting a church-wide program of bible study. It is called "Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible." We will see the first of the new materials at the Synod Assembly.

Luther called the Bible, "the cradle that holds the Christ child". The Bible itself, is not to be worshiped, but to be read with our mind and heart open to the Holy Spirit so that we can see in this book, how what Jesus taught can be brought to transform our lives today.

Peace

Jim

Pastor Abbott on Vacation

Pastor Abbott will be on vacation from June 1 through June 7. For Pastoral Care call Pastor David Hansen of St John of Prairie Hill, 836-8666.

Guest Pastor on June 1

Rev. Craig Borchardt will be Guest Pastor for services on June 1

Special Joint Service

Sunday, July 6

Immanuel Lutheran

10:30 am

Special Music

Catered Meal to follow Services

Immanuel - Second Saturday -

The Immanuel church council invites everyone to "Second Saturday" at 8:00 am Saturday, June 14.

Breakfast provided.

We will have time for fellowship.

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

IMMANUEL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

Captain: Rich Ahlers

1st - Jon Westerfeld, Larry Allen
8th – Jon Westerfeld, Jon Hodde
15th – Eugene Bothe, Tyler Eickenhorst, Stephen Joswiak
22nd – Larry Kieke, Chase Coghlan, Colton Coghlan
29TH – Jon Westerfeld, Larry Allen

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JUNE

1st – Tatum Westerfeld
8th – Kim Hodde
15th – Ben Eickenhorst
22nd – Kelcie Maurer
29TH – Members of Sunday School

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

1st – Doug & Dorothy Maurer
8th – Kieke Family in memory of Edwin Kieke's birthday
15th - Ruth Kelling
22nd - Anna Bosse
29th – Evelyn Maurer

ACOLYTES FOR JUNE

1st – Colleen Bentke
8^h – Brianna Hupe
15th – Corrine Estrada
22nd – Tatum Westerfeld
29th – Sunday School Students

ST MATTHEW

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

Mark Lehmann, Captain (836-0941)

Elroy Schroeder
Ron Pohlmeyer
Johnny Ulrich
Paul Buro – Communion Assistant

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JUNE

1st - Pam Muegge
8th – Don Holtkamp
15th – Frances Dana
22nd – Elroy Schroeder
29th – Dwayne Brown

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

1st - Elwood & Eloise Wehring
8th – Clint & Winnie Boriack
15th – Wilfred & Gerdine Blome
22nd – Henry Al & Nina Ellermann, Mark & Rachel Niebuhr & Mattie
29th – Zeb & Karen Heckmann, Jacob and Andrew

Fill cups for Communion: Corene Niemeyer
Wash Communion ware: Susan Busby, Peggy Ward

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
June Baptism



Mary Busby	5
Garrett Sunderhuse	6
Morris Brewton	8
Edwin Studhalter	10
Roger Duch	14
Tanner Schwartz	14
Debbie Eckert	16
Kristie Swartz	17
Anita Oberhoff	18
Brian Scheffer	19
Emily Dana	20
Melissa Wehring	22
Kelli Duch	28

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
June Birthday



Vicky Muegge	1
Michael Gajeske	2
Debbie Brown	5
Clint Boriack	9
Dale A. Moehlmann	10
Debbie Eckert	11
Colton Buro	15
Sarah Scheffer	16
John Dana	19
Dwayne Brown	21
Gladys Schwarze	25
Sherri Finke	30

Immanuel Lutheran Church
June Baptisms



Gracie Westerfeld	6
Ed Weiss	10
Tyler Eickenhorst	11
Judy Kieke	13
Samantha Wellmann	18
Nadine Rau	19
Brad Sommerfield	20
Olivia Weiss	21
Brian Weiss	28
Justin Hupe	29

Immanuel Lutheran Church
June Birthdays



Edna Petzolt	5
Harold Strang	7
Charles Hupe	7
Nanette Steinfeld	9
Karen Winkelmann	9
Meghan Maurer	9
Roy Steinfeld	11
Eric Sommerfield	13
Johnny Murphy	16
Leslie Weiss	18
Kristy Steinfeld	19
Richard Hollis	21
Florine Allen	23
Harvey Wellmann	24
Tara Wellmann	26
Melvin Maurer	28
Danny Allen	28

Lutheran Social Services

Warm up your golf swing for the Tomorrow's Child Golf Tournament on June 16 at Pine Forest Country Club in Houston benefiting Krause Children's Center in Katy. For sponsorship information or to register to play in the tournament, visit www.KrauseChildrensCenter.org and click on the golf link. For more information, contact Diane Covert, Krause development director, at (281) 693-3826 or email diane.covert@LSSS.org.



Thank you for your generous gift. The opportunity to speak to you about the companion synod trip to the Central African Republic was reward enough in itself. Please know that your gift will be given to the synod in your name, to support ministries in the Central African Republic.

Carolyn Jacobs

The funeral service for Jonathan's father, Larry Graeber, was beautiful in its simplicity and much appreciated by the Graeber and Van Rheen families.

Beatrice Toll thanks the congregations for their prayers during her illness.

Thank you to everyone for your loving support! From the jubilant ringing of the bell, Ann's music, your singing, praying and working together it was a wonderful witness to how our Lord provides blessings even in the midst of grief. Thank you to all who brought food and enjoyed sharing God's goodness to all of us! Ruth Kelling, Philip, Luigi, Karen, Dwain, Jason, and Christi

Members in Nursing Homes shut in...

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

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

Nina Ellermann Carrie Scheffer Barbara Hollis
Erich Oberhoff Ann Sommer Bob Eccleston
Bernice Sommerfield Trenton Stewart Renee Lambert
Wilfred Blome Elois Eickenhorst

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
Gail Jessup— Niece of Erma Luetge
Connie Hetzel – Friend of Frances Scheffer
Matt Rybarski – Brother of Christie Schroeder
Coy Kolkhorst – Son of Chris & Ann Marie
Jeannine Schwartz – Wife of Rev. John Schwartz
Carolyn McDowell— sister to Estella Delcoure's daughter-in-law
Leonard Dickschat – Cousin of Renee Lambert
Lane Janner – friend of Finke family
Cheryl Hetrick – sister-in-law of Debbie Brown
Larry Peters- father of Michelle Lampe
Kaylynn Jacobs – friend of Sherry Mahlmann
Fritzie Jaehne - friend of Sherry Mahlmann
Glenn Grantom – father of Sheri McCord

Thanksgiving for Improvements

Patsy Schroeder Beatrice Toll Dick Cocker
Ronald Wright Marie Wilson Little Red Hayes
Lenora Westermann Albert & Annie Rybarski
Renee Lambert

In Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of

Pastor Rudy Kelling
Wilbert Boenker friend of the Lampes & Edna Schroeder
Bill Haak Uncle of Lampes

Choir Notes-June 2008 Immanuel



The choir will meet each Sunday in June beginning June 1, 2008 at 8 AM and each Sunday in June. Anyone with a favorite song, let me know and we'll try to sing it. As always, new choir members are welcome.

VBS

St Matthew will be hosting 2008 Vacation Bible School this summer June 16 – 20 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Participating churches will include St Matthew (Sandy Hill), Immanuel (Wiedeville), Zion (Zionsville), St John (Prairie Hill), St Peter (Gay Hill) and Frieden's (Washington). This year's theme will be "God's Big Back Yard." Activities will include crafts, music, story-telling and games. Supper will be provided. Participation is open to anyone from ages 2 – 13. Pastors Abbott and David Hansen of St John (Prairie Hill) will be leading adult classes. Everyone is invited!!

Registration forms for both students and volunteers are available in the entry way.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VBS needs volunteers to help in the kitchen and to help watch (eyes) for young ones running off (around) outside. And to help where needed. Please volunteer. Give Michelle Lampe a call or leave a message at St Matthew 836-8894.

Since the theme this year is God's Big Backyard we are trying to create a "Big Backyard". The following items will be needed to go in a "Big Backyard" for decorations. Members will be getting these things back after VBS.

Potted flowers -pots
fake trees
benches
patio set, picnic tables, patio furniture
tire swings
hammocks
lanterns or patio lights
grills
picnic balnkets,baskets
sports equipment - game stuff, etc.
lawn games
sandboxes
plus any other ideas that would look good in "God's Big Backyard.
Michelle Lampe says that she still needs these items.
Please give her a call.

Immanuel Council Highlights

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

- **Education:** Sunday School will meet every Sunday during the summer
- If a month has a 5th Sunday, the Youth will participate in the Church service
- Meals are still needed for 2 nights for VBS. Give Bubba Dreyer a call on meals. Volunteers are also still needed.

Property:

- If we don't get at least half of the money from the funeral homes for moving rail on curved ramp, including a bottom flat metal to prevent slipping, we will leave the ramps as is and maybe just paint them.
- Waxing floors will be done by donation from someone in congregation on June 2. Volunteers needed Sunday, June 1 to move tables and chairs after services.
- **Other Business:**
- Burial fees for non-members will be \$1,000.00. If the person was a member at one time the fee will be \$500.00
- On July 6 a catered meal will follow the Joint Services. A free will offering will be taken.
- Speakers in Church are not always working. If someone notices on a Sunday that they are not working, please let a council member know or pastor. We are checking on this.

St Matthew Council Highlights

Accepted a bid to install 3 additional lights along the sidewalk between the main entrance and the parish hall. The bid was for approximately \$2755.00 and the work should be completed before Vacation Bible School.

Approve the transfer of Sharon, Blake, and Stephanie Moehlmann, to St. Paul, Shelby.

Discussed Summer Youth Servant Trip to New Orleans and assigned Council members to call youth.

Pastor Abbott introduced the idea of a joint Wednesday night bible study with Pastor Hansen from St John's (Prairie Hill) to be held at a location in Independence.

VBS meeting on April 27 where participating churches set up tasks for each church, St Matthew will provide Opening and meals on Monday and Tuesday, Friedens provide meal on Wednesday and Immanuel provide meal Thursday and Friday.

A. VBS workday is scheduled for Sunday, June 15th for the six churches to come bring their materials/supplies and set up the church for VBS week.

The new parish hall chair will be purchased from Sam's Club for \$79.32 for a set of 4 chairs. The chairs can be delivered to the church with free shipping if ordered on-line. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the purchase of the chairs from the Memorial fund. --The old chairs will be sold for a free will donation with church members being offered the first. They will then be sold for \$5.00 each to the public. There is about 80 chairs available for sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

B. A proposal was made by Clint Boriak and Stanley Sommer to open a Church Brokerage Account with Fidelity. It would be of no cost to the church and would be a simple way to donate money to the church. Two signatures would be required to open the account. Paul Buro, the Treasurer, would be the primary signature with Clint Boriak as the secondary signature. Clint Boriak would set the account for the church. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to set up the Brokerage account.