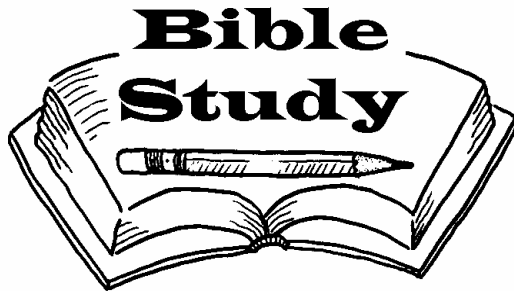


WORSHIP NEWS

September 2009

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

- September 6 – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Immanuel Rally Day
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- September 13 – Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
- September 20 – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
No Sunday Schools today
- September 27 - Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday Schools @ 9:30 am
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Bible Study

Mondays- September 14, 21, and 28 - 1:00 pm at Immanuel & at the home of Clint and Winnie Boriack on Monday September 14, 21, and 28 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 meet again from September 22 to November 10. We will study “The Shack”, a story of loss, grief/ God’s Love and Renewal.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Highlights

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

Old business:

- Constitution Committee. Still working on this. Copies of by-laws and terms of officers will be studied at the next meeting.
- Church wash and paint. Eugene Bothe contacted Richard Peterson to wash and clean what is needed up to a \$500.00 cost. Eugene Bothe will cover the cost.
- Move Sound System Equipment. Still on hold. Hopefully some memorials will cover cost of the work to be done.
- Tree Trimming. Will be done at a later date.

New Business:

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the transfer of Doris Mellor from Faith Lutheran in Georgetown to Immanuel Lutheran.
- Air conditioning in Sunday School rooms not working. Repairs were done.
- A youth fundraiser is needed to cover youth camps and a possible mission trip for our youth. Thrivent Financial matching funds are available for this project. Pastor to meet with youth and parents on Sunday, August 23rd to discuss a possible date in October.
- A suggestion was made that council members and other members of our congregation visit people on our congregation roster. Maybe early part of next year, possibly February. Will discuss this topic more in the next few meetings.
- Discussed topics for joint council meeting with St Matthew on August 26th at 7pm.
 - Determine best insurance coverage for both congregations
 - Schedule of services for 2010
 - Proposed trying joint services during the summer of 2010



Members in Nursing Homes or shut in...

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

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

Trenton Stewart Barbara Hollis Don Bolenbarr
Alfred Gaskamp Trochelle Ray Sophie Schroeder
Carrie Scheffer

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
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
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
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
Ken VonGonten – 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
Butch Kevorkian - Philip Kelling's biological father
Ruby McLain - Aunt of Barbara Kramer & Dorothy Schulte
Marilyn Lueckemeyer – friend of many
Jenny Sebastian – Amanda (Wellmann) Sebastian's sister in law
Katherine Kenjura - Edna Schroeder's niece
Bonnie Benkowski – friend of many

Thanksgiving for Improvements

Ella Buerger Mack Machacek Leeroy Kramer
Judy Kieke Erma Luetge Jerry Kieke
Bernice Sommerfeld Bob Eccleston Bernice Eickhoff
Hortense Rhodes Elwood Wehring

In Christian Sympathy to Family and Friends of

Harold Strang whose ashes were buried @ Immanuel
Keith Eickenhorst Elsie Boenker Peggy Jasinski
Ella Buerger



Immanuel Progressive Dinner

We are again planning a Progressive Dinner in October. So keep this in mind as you make your plans for this fall. Once a date as been set we will let everyone know. Join us for appetizers, salad, main course and dessert. We will progress from the hostesses homes to church for dessert.

Nursing Home Visits

Wednesday, September 9 join Pastor for services at Brenham Rest Home @ 10:30 am.

Immanuel - Second Saturday Volunteer needed for September 12

The Immanuel church council invites everyone to "Second Saturday" at 8:00 am Saturday, September 12
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. Carol Westerfeld and Ruth Kelling are serving in September.

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

Open House

Oscar Fuelberg 85th Birthday

September 12

2pm – 5pm

Immanuel Parish Hall

**Immanuel welcomes
Doris Mellor to our church family**

Immanuel and St Matthew will have no Sunday School on September 20

Good luck to all children who are showing animals or crafts in the fair.

Temple Talk

Stanley Sommer will give a Temple Talk at both congregations on Sunday, September 13. He will report on the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

St Matthew Council Highlights

The council met July 12, after the 8:30 worship service.
Reports:

- **Pastor:** a request for a transfer by Don, Regina, and Johanna Holtkamp to St John Lutheran Church, Prairie Hill; and a request for a transfer by Stephanie Koehler to St John Lutheran Church, Prairie Hill. The council approved the transfer request. Pastor Abbott will be at a leadership meeting for pastors and rostered leaders on August 28, All leaders and interested people are invited to a meeting on August 29 to learn the first steps in the process the synod has outlined to re-root and revitalize congregations.
 - **Treasurer & Financial Secretary:** were approved as submitted. Treasurer Clint Boriack reported that We are running \$5,200.00 behind on incoming funds to date.
 - **Secretary:** Minutes of the June 21, 2009 meeting were approved.
 - **Education:** Rally Day will be August 30 with kids singing songs from VBS
 - **Worship:** Readers for August have been found.
- Old Business:** It was decided by the Council that it was not necessary to shorten the pew at the right front of the church. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this decision.
No new business and the meeting was adjourned

IMMANUEL

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Captain: Kim Hodde

6th – Wade Wellmann, Pauline Hodges
13th – Corrine Estrada
20th – Wade Wellmann, Pauline Hodges
27th – Chase Coghlan, Colton Coghlan

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR SEPTEMBER

6th – Corrine Estrada
13th – Waylon Maxwell
20th – Elois Eickenhorst
27th – Brianna Hupe

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

6th – Jerry Kieke
13th – Rich and Jana Ahlers in honor of their Anniversary
20th – Larry and Florine Allen
27th – Don and Glenda Bradley

ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER

6th – Alexis Chaudron
13th – Brianna Hupe
20th – Raleigh Wellmann
27th – Corrine Estrada

ST MATTHEW

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Roger Duch, Captain (830=8513)

Clint Duch
Mike & Josh Busby

Mark Niebuhr – Communion Assistant

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR SEPTEMBER

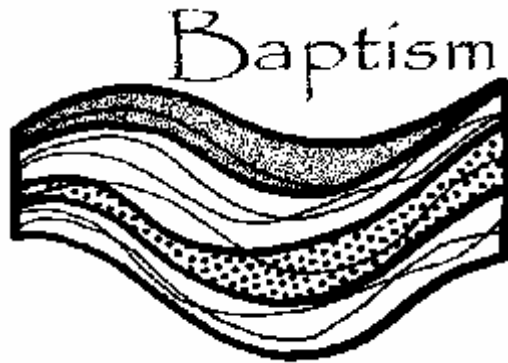
6th – Edna Schroeder
13th – Alice Petty
20th – Stanley Sommer
27th – Justin Dana

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

6th – Clint and Winnie Boriack
13th – Alice Petty
20th – Larry and Carol Koch
27th – Zeb and Karen Heckmann, Jacob & Andrew

Fill cups for Communion: Eloise Wehring and Betty Watson
Wash Communion ware: Carol Koch and Annie Mae Studhalter

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
September Baptisms



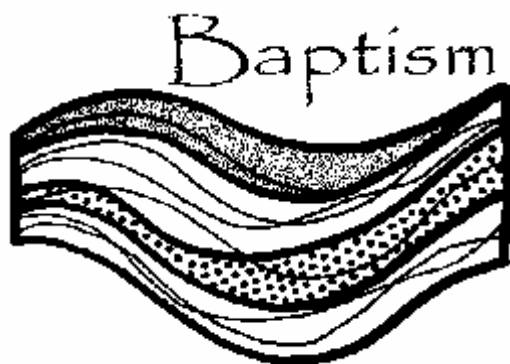
Renee Lambert	1
Maria Sommer	3
Barbara Pohlmeyer	6
Ann Sommer	7
Bruce Kettler	14
Gerdine Blome	18
Sandra Duch	20
Michael Wehring	20
Bradley Mueller	22

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
September Birthdays



Wesley Westerfeld	5
Colby Finke	7
Louise Abbott	8
Amy Sefcik	14
Amanda Mueller	21
Karen Heckmann	25
Mary Ulrich	26
Nelda Schroeder	26
Jamie Hohlt	28

Immanuel Lutheran Church
September Baptisms



Doris Kramer	10
Shirley Dreyer	14
Bill Winkelmann	14
Jon Westerfeld	14
Kelcie Maurer	15
DeLois Moehlmann	18
Ernest Wellmann	20
Erma Luetge	20
Jamie Wiesepape	28
Joshua Wiesepape	28
Tammy Bosse	29
Neeleigh Wellmann	29

Immanuel Lutheran Church
September Birthdays



Renea Wellmann	2
Spencer Flynn	2
Doug Maurer	4
Wesley Westerfeld	5
Alexis Chaudron	7
Johnnie Eickenhorst	8
Roxanne Bothe	8
Glenda Bradley	9
Don Weiss	9
Jana Ahlers	11
Harry Wernecke	12
Pauline Hodges	12
Mandy Hodde	13
Oscar Fuelberg, Jr.	14
Rollin McCord	18
Brice Wellmann	18
Jimmy Jasinski	19
Oliver Flynn	20
Kaley Joswiak	26
Colleen Bentke	26
Jamie Hafner	29



Thank you to Billy Scheffer and David Ray for moving gravel up at St Matthew.

Thank you to Leon Schwartz for repairing the front porch entry at St Matthew.

Thank you all for the love and support during Keith's illness and death. Especially for the prayers and cards.

Thank you ladies of Immanuel for serving refreshments to friends and family who gathered on Saturday to remember Keith. This time of sadness has been made a lot more bearable because of all that you have done.

God bless each of you,

The family of Keith Eickenhorst, Sr.

Thank you to Immanuel Lutheran Greetings to you from Lutherhill. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Christ at Lutherhill with your present gift to our annual fund of \$50.00 and your year to date gifts totally \$839.00.

Dear Members of St Matthew,
Thank you for your support of Faith Mission through your generous donation of \$361.00. We deeply appreciate community support and consider it an honor given to Faith Mission through this donation. We will seek to justify the faith that has been placed in us by passing on this gift to help others.

Thank you Immanuel

Thanks to all for the generous donation of \$400.00 for School supplies.

WELCA Mother – Daughter- Friend Salad Supper

Thank you to ladies from both congregations who helped make this event such a success.



Choir Notes-St Matthew September 2009

The choir will meet at 8 AM each Sunday in September, beginning September 6th. We will sing each Sunday. We encourage all new singers to join us.

St Matthew WELCA

Sept. 13 – 8:30 Service - Door Offering for Peru – to enable children at Emanuel in Lima to attend public school (uniforms, books) Thrivent is asking for a hands on project for matching funds. "Quilt in overflow room will be offered in a silent auction. You may sign the "Silent bid sheet" The recipient will be announced Oct. 4.

Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for anyone interested
New study: "To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans"

Leader: Sandy Wodrich

Sept. 22, 9 – 11:30 quilting

Sept. 27, 9:30 – 11:00 Annual General Meeting of Women of Church

JOINT WOMEN OF THE ELCA SYNOD CONVENTION

AT CAMP ALLEN, August 7 – 9

271 women, 2 babies, and a few men from Corpus, San Antonio, Fredericksburg, Austin, Houston, Brenham and other places gathered for fun, inspiration, and a little business. There were two sets of three generation participants. Delegates arrived early and took care of most of the business on Friday afternoon. Ann Nicholson from Peace, Pasadena was elected the new president of our Gulf Coast Synod of WELCA. Peggy Schwarze from Gay Hill led the singalongs using Polka tunes. The country store brought \$1,100 and the Silent Auction raised \$3,369 for Water to Thrive and our companion synods: Costa Rica, Peru, and the Central African Republic after convention expenses are paid. Offerings were taken at two worship services. The offering on Friday night was \$3,876.78; The offering Sunday morning will be reported later. Half of the offering went to Churchwide, one-fourth to Lutheran Social Services, and one-fourth to LutherHill Camping Ministry. The two convention chaplains were outstanding. Pastor Lynn Zeise is presently serving as the Bishop's Associate for the SW TX Synod. Pastor Stacy Kitahata, is presently on the faculty of Trinity Lutheran College, Everett, WA. Marilyn Sommer remembered her being at the first Triennial Convention of the ELCA women in California. Both women were exceptionally warm and caring. At the Friday night service everyone who chose was anointed with oil. Each recipient felt special! The sermon on Sunday morning challenged us to "Be Imitators of Christ". Pastor Ziese asked the congregation to share in groups of 3 or 4 who we imitate and who has imitated us. She pointed out that imitation of Christ takes concentration and practice. Twelve workshops were offered on Saturday afternoon. Each person could choose 3. Workshops covered everything from "Dancing for your health", Identity theft, to "Weaving God's Love Across Cultures."

Your representatives: Marilyn Sommer, Corene Niemeyer, Renee Lambert, Ruth Kelling

Lutheran Social Services

Krause Children's Center

Providing help, healing and hope to troubled boys and girls 11-17

The Tomorrow's Child Golf Tournament for Krause Children's Center in Katy raised \$110,000.00 for the children. A record breaking 160 golfers teed off at the 20th annual golf benefit at Pine Forest Golf and Country Club in Houston. "I was amazed at the outpouring of volunteer support," said Miranda Burge, coordinator for community/church relations. For more information about Krause Children's Center, visit www.KrauseChildrenCenter.org

Keeping in Touch

Pastor Abbott:

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

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

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E-mail - Smichurch @hotmail.com

Website – stmatthewbrenham.org

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

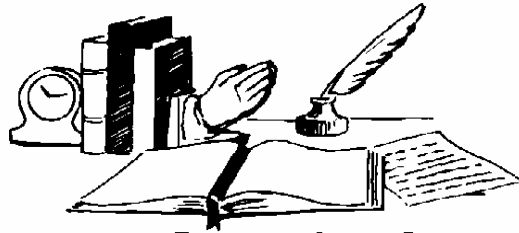
E-mail - Smichurch @hotmail.com

Driver Needed

Need Driver for delivery of meals for Washington County Healthy Living Assn. It would only be 4 times, once a month in Sept through Dec on the second Monday of the month. It takes about 2 hours - and involves driving about 40 miles. Please contact Ruth Kelling or Pastor Abbott

IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Andrew & Samantha Carter on the birth of their son, Lucas Andrew Carter. Grandmother is Barbara Hollis.



the Pastor's Notes

The Future Belongs to God
Always has, Always will.

At the ELCA churchwide assembly last month delegates from across the nation met, prayed, worshiped, and voted. They listened to their fellow delegates, to speakers, to Presiding Bishop, Mark Hansen, and most importantly, they each listened to the voice of the Holy Spirit. They “listened” also to the words of early reformers like Luther, who struggled in their day with issues that seemed about to divide the church.

In Luther’s day they recognized that the future belongs to God. And they recognized that faithful people could disagree about some church policies, and still remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. That is what the churchwide assembly did as well.

The decision to permit gay and lesbian people who are in committed, publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous relationships to be considered for ordination is disappointing to many. BUT - this decision was made only after an overwhelming majority of the delegates passed resolutions that allow individuals, churches, and synods to refuse ordination to gays and lesbians.

Over the years, Christians, including Lutherans, have disagreed over things like - whether or not to take both bread and wine at communion, whether or not to own slaves, whether or not to ordain women. Over time God - who holds the future in hands of love - has eventually led the church to a broad agreement on these issues. But until that agreement is reached, no one has the right, power, authority, to force anyone else to go against their conscience.

The result of the votes taken at the churchwide assembly is that there will be no change in our congregation’s way of life, who we have as a pastor, or how we worship.

It is always easier to focus on our disagreements. In the weeks and months ahead it is more important that we focus on the mission Christ gives us: 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The future really is in God’s hands. Our task is to see that God’s future is full of disciples, baptized into Christ, full of faith, obedient to the Holy Spirit.

Peace

Jim



Immanuel Sunday School

Rally Day at Immanuel Sunday, September 6

Installation of Sunday School Superintendent and Teachers.

Attendance Awards will be given out.

Barbeque sandwiches will be served. Ladies are asked to bring desserts. Free will offering will go to camp scholarships.

Sunday School Superintendents – Pauline Hodges and Janie Hart

Teachers – Janie Hart, Pauline Hodges, Debra Hupe, Pam Bothe, Jerry Kieke, Rich and Jana Ahlers, Jon Hodde and Christy Burleson

Immanuel Sunday School News

Wow how time has flown by...we have had a fun filled summer with all the kids this year, from church camp to swimming to Horseshoe Junction!

This summer the Sunday School Classes at Wiedeville Church were combined and we did arts and crafts and learned many different Bible stories.

Alexis Chaudron, Kaden Stewart & Jacob McCord went to Lutherhill Church Camp for the week of July 20-24th. The week was packed with activities, arts and crafts, Bible study and music galore! Corrine Estrada, Brianna Hupe, Tatum Westefeld, and Anna Rogers, also went to Lutherhill Church Camp for Confirmation Camp this year.

Our swim party was at Blue Bell Aquatic Center on Thursday, July 23rd. We had pizza and ice cream and the children swam until they could swim no more.

The End of Summer Party was held at Horseshoe Junction, where the kids, both young and older alike, raced around on go-carts, climbed a rock wall, rode bumper boats on water, played put-put golf, laser tag and numerous different games. We all took a bit of a break to enjoy some pizza before going back to the games.

The Sunday School would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to the Church, the Church members and the Church Council for their support of the children of the Church.

2009 – 2010 Immanuel Sunday School Classes

Cradle Roll

Madison Maynard, Zoey Dudich

Pre – School

Jake Burleson, Trinity Hart, Kenleigh Wellmann, Trenton Stewart, Hayden Hupe, Lucas Flynn, Zoe Wellmann and Callie Wellmann

Elementary

Kaden Stewart, Neeleigh Wellmann, Abby Seale, McKenzie Maurer, Julie Terry and Ollie Flynn

Middle School

Alexis Chaudron, Raleigh Wellmann, Jacob McCord, Gracie Westefeld and Spencer Flynn

Confirmation Class

Corrine Estrada, Brianna Hupe and Colleen Bentke