



The Monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois
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“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel,” (which means “God with us””) (Matthew 1:23). From this verse in St. Matthew’s Gospel, we receive our congregation’s namesake: Immanuel. We also learn what our name means: God with us. In the baby born of Mary, in the man, the very flesh and blood of Jesus, God is with us.

That means that if you desire to see God, you look to Jesus. If you want to know what God is like, you look to Jesus. If you want to know what God’s disposition toward you is, again, you look to Jesus. And if you want to know where God is, you look to where Jesus has promised to be found.

But where has He promised you He would be found? This is the question that St. Matthew spends the rest of his Gospel answering.

Jesus says that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them” (Matthew 18:20). The key phrase here is “in my name.” We gather in the name of Jesus every Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The Divine Service even begins with this name: “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Where His name is there He will be also, even as He promised King David and his son, Solomon (1 Kings 5:5; 9:3).

To be gathered in His name is to be gathered in the place not only where He has promised to be, but also where He has promised to be to bless you with His presence. Together, we receive this in the forgiveness of our sins through the proclamation and teaching of His Word, through Holy Baptism, and through the Lord’s Supper. This is what we Lutherans call Word and Sacrament. This is also where St. Matthew leads us after our Lord’s resurrection when He sends out His disciples:

“Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age’” (Matthew 28:16–20).

Did you catch that? Jesus, the promised Immanuel, which means “God with us,” promises to be with you to bless you through the preaching and teaching of His Word, through Holy Baptism, and through the Lord’s Supper. Through these means, He delivers to you by the hands, feet, and mouth of your pastor the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. I look forward to being among you as one who serves you with these gifts, the very presence of Jesus, our Immanuel, to bless us.

Pastor

The September Newsletter deadline will be Monday, August 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Please Join Immanuel for the Installation of Rev. Jason Braaten on Sunday, August 1 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a potluck/picnic following the service. Bring a dish to pass, hot dogs and walleye will be provided.

Planet Zoom VBS is full of fun! Come explore Bible stories, take Bible challenges, make crafts, eat yummy snacks, play fun games, sing awesome songs, and more! VBS starts Monday, August 2 and ends Thursday, August 5. The hours are 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Jami Bowles at 217/578-2816 or Sue Danielson in the church office at 217/253-4341.

August Bi Monthly Mission – The mission board is collecting phone cards that will be passed out to military personnel stationed overseas. Please drop off cards to the back of church or to the church office. Please have the cards to church by August 2.

The Ladies Aid of Immanuel would like to invite all the lady of the church to a Salad Luncheon on Thursday, August 26, at noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring a salad to share.

Attention! The church's e-mail has been changed to Immanuel.tuscola@frontier.com.

ATTENDANCE				OFFERINGS		
Saturday		Sunday		General	Missions	Building
7/3	19	7/4	56	1822.69		
7/10	14	7/11	50	1459.06		
7/17	19	7/18	71	1670.98	300.00	
7/24	14 20.00	7/25	72	1634.00		
Totals		66	249	6586.73	300.00	20.00
Average Weekend Attendance				Monthly Budget Needs		
79				\$10,819.00		

AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

August 1	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
		10:15 a.m.	Bible Class/Parables of the Pharisee and the Publican
		4:00 p.m.	Rev. Jason Braaten's Installation
		5:00 p.m.	Potluck/Picnic
August 2	Monday	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
August 3	Tuesday	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
August 4	Wednesday	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
August 5	Thursday	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustee's Meeting
August 6	Friday		
August 7	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
August 8	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
August 9	Monday	5:00 p.m.	Missions and Evangelism Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
August 10	Tuesday		
August 11	Wednesday		
August 12	Thursday		
August 13	Friday		
August 14	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/Communion
August 15	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
		10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
August 16	Monday		
August 17	Tuesday		
August 18	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	Communion/Nursing Home
August 19	Thursday		
August 20	Friday		
August 21	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
August 22	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
August 23	Monday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
August 24	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	L.W.M.L. Meeting
August 25	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.	Special Knitters and Crocheters Faith Group Meeting
August 26	Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Salad Luncheon
August 27	Friday		
August 28	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service/Communion
August 29	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Communion
		10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
August 30	Monday		
August 31	Tuesday		

AUGUST BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

August 1	Anniversaries	Joe and Ruth Slaughter
August 2	Birthdays	Dara Kidwell
August 3	Birthdays	Chad Rothe; Benjamin Sluder
August 4		
August 5	Anniversaries	Glen and Janet Stumeier; Chris and Diane Stevens
August 6	Birthdays	Courtney Arthur; Joshua Dyer; Logan Wienke
August 7		
August 8	Birthdays	Margaret Stilwell
	Anniversaries	Tom and Ruth Bretz; Leonard and Karen Rentz
August 9	Birthdays	Tim Mann
August 10	Anniversaries	Guy and Margie Stevens
August 11	Birthdays	Maris Eversole
August 12	Birthdays	Jason Wienke
August 13		
August 14		
August 15	Birthdays	Diane Stevens; Jonathan Bretz
	Anniversaries	Cary and Beth Rahn
August 16	Birthdays	Nathaniel Pollock
August 17	Birthdays	Kenny Kresin
	Anniversaries	Trey and Patty Rahn
Augusts 18	Birthdays	Jeremiah Osborne
August 19	Birthdays	Ryan Bowles
August 20	Birthdays	Duane Rahn; Rachel Sanders
August 21	Birthdays	Steve Kleiboeker; Hope Griffin
	Anniversaries	Thomas and Susan Ladage
August 22	Birthdays	Christopher Pollock; Sharon Allen; Samantha Stevens
	Anniversaries	Kyle and Hanah Britt
August 23	Anniversaries	William and Rachel Sanders
August 24	Birthdays	Justin Oye; Jaden Browning
August 25	Birthdays	Elizabeth Toth
August 26		
August 27	Birthdays	Tammy Kresin
August 28	Birthdays	Brandon Place; Tenneil Hirsch; Jeremy Dallas
August 29	Birthdays	Jeremy Ingram
August 30		
August 31	Birthdays	Ariel Ingram

GREETERS LIST

August 1	Ruth Sims	West Door
	Tim and Tresa Pollock	East Door
August 8	Harold and Irene Wattjes	West Door
	Geof and Sue Danielson	East Door
August 15	Jim Dyer	West Door
	Donna and Gunnar Campbell	East Door
August 22	Becky Kappes	West Door
	Joan Vukelich	East Door
August 27	Tim and Tresa Pollock	West Door
	Ruth Sims	East Door
September 5	Geof and Sue Danielson	West Door
	Harold and Irene Wattjes	East Door
September 12	Donna and Gunnar Campbell	West Door
	Jim Dyer	East Door
September 19	Joan Vukelich	West Door
	Becky Kappes	East Door
September 26	Ruth Sims	West Door
	Tim and Tresa Pollock	East Door
October 3	Harold and Irene Wattjes	West Door
	Geof and Sue Danielson	East Door
October 10	Jim Dyer	West Door
	Donna and Gunnar Campbell	East Door
October 17	Becky Kappes	West Door
	Joan Vukelich	East Door
October 24	Tim and Tresa Pollock	West Door
	Ruth Sims	East Door
October 31	Geof and Sue Danielson	West Door
	Harold and Irene Wattjes	East Door

COFFEE COMMITTEE

August -
Ann Carroll
September -
NEED A VOLUNTEER
October -
Harold and Irene Wattjes
November -
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December -
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ALTAR COMMITTEE

August -
Janice Arthur and Ann Carroll
September -
Delores Ford and Tonia Timlin
October -
Mary Jane Jones and Sharon Allen
November -
Irene Wattjes and Sherrie Hoel
December -
Joan Vukelich, Delores Ford and
Margaret Stilwell

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE ON YOUR SCHEDULED DATE, PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO SWITCH WITH YOU AND LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.