



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Immanuel Lutheran Church Staff:

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Worship Schedule:
Sunday at 9:30 am
Thursday at 7:00 pm

JUNE 5: ASCENSION DAY (Transferred)/ GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Each week we confess that Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father. It was 40 days after Easter. We transfer it to this Sunday as we recognize the achievements of our High School graduates.

JUNE 12: PENTECOST

This 3rd of the Church's major festivals is birthday of the Church and its universal mission.

JUNE 19: TRINITY SUNDAY

Jerry Thompson, a potter from Grand Ledge, has produced earthenware Communion vessels for our use. He will make a presentation using his Potter's wheel, about God's creative activity. We will acknowledge our Covenant with Creation, adopted by the Church Council in May.

JUNE 26: FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY

We will make our own concert. During the service we will call out our favorite hymns and together sing a couple of verses. Come ready.

JULY 3: CHURCH PICNIC AT FITZGERALD PARK

Worship at 10:30 a.m. at the Park

Potluck at 12 noon at the Park

NOTE: If you cannot make Sunday in the Park strive to attend the Weekender Service

PASTORAL TEACHING : the Mighty Wind of Pentecost

I have found that last events of this year. For example, though more than a bit tiring, my last Easter was joyful and fun with everyone involved. Just like always.

Confirmation Sunday, however, was another thing altogether.

This group of 8th graders was my last class, my 28th (38th overall) I cannot guess how many young people have studied and been confirmed in the faith under my tutelage. I don't keep track of numbers. But I do remember the individuals from the first group and every group up until now.

This year's class will forever hold a special place in my heart. Ten young people, listed below. They are artists, math whizzes, and future sports stars. They have deeply held faith and some who are not sure about all this stuff. Same as all classes. But these are my last, and that makes them special to me.

I would hope that each one of them stays close to Christ and this Church. I wish for adult Christians who would love nothing more than to work with them, get to know them, have fun and grow together.

Now, they are *my* last, but not our congregation's. The work of catechesis is in the hands of adult teachers and leaders, and of high school guides. The Spirit empowers an eternal work from generation to generation. And so it continues to God's glory.

Pr. Rick

CONFIRMATIONS: On May 15, our 8th graders confessed their faith, felt the hands on their heads and heard God's minister invoke the Holy Spirit into their hearts so that they were confirmed as real, genuine, authentic, certified young Christians and members of this Church.

Kaitlyn Anderson, daughter of Pat Anderson
Noah Crambell, son of John and Sandy Crambell
Emily Fracker, daughter of Rick and Lynne Fracker
Emily Ketola, daughter of (Tom) and Karen Ketola
Anna Matzke, daughter of Brad and Mary Matzke
Madison Osburn, daughter of Greg and Amy Osburn
Martin Roesch, son of Michael Roesch and Joni Henretty
Emily Rosier, daughter of Lauren and Yvette Rosier
Jaren Scoggins, son of Todd Scoggins and Dana Schueller
Mary Van Hoesen, daughter of John & Lori Van Hoesen

GRADUATES: High School -

Nick Baribeau, Lisa Bower, Caleb Buckley, Elyse Covert, Dan Edwards, Joe Espie,
Adam Fracker, Ian Henretty, Jason Morrall and Rachel Reid

Also: We have enjoyed the presence of 2 exchange students from Denmark:

Mathias Bonde, living with the Zipples, and
Peter Severini, living with the Reeds.

They, too, are honored among our HS graduates.

GRADUATES: Higher Education -

Alana Dewitt - DePaw University : BA, Art History
Brandt Ayoub - Alma College: BA, Education, English and Spanish
Becky Frysinger - Univ. of Michigan: MA in Genetic Counseling
Meshia Mandeville - MA, Counseling



PASTORAL TEACHING : the Mighty Wind of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come...there came the sound like the rush of a violent wind.

Winds and mighty wind references are peppered through the Scriptures. Often wind is a poetic reference to the Spirit of God or the Holy Spirit. For example:

Genesis 1: 1 "...a wind from God swept over the face of the waters." (creating life)

Ezekiel 37:9 "Come from the 4 winds, O breath/wind, and breathe into these slain, that they may live."

On Pentecost day, the disciples heard, rather than felt, the wind. It must have sounded like a tornado. Now it was not Peter who was the "blowhard" in his sermon. It was the sound of the Holy Spirit creating faith and new life in people who became the Church. Three thousand (3000) of them that day! A mighty wind indeed

I wonder what the Christians in the tornado-wracked South will be experiencing this year on Pentecost? What new life is blowing among them? What new life is blowing among us at Immanuel and among the Christians of Grand Ledge? Who will discover faith and seek repentance and baptism. Will something new be created among us to witness to Christ's life and grace? Would you pray for that? Will you be a blowhard?



JULY HOLY DAYS for home devotions.

July 3: ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

Judges 6:36-40 Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26 Ephesians 4:11-16 John 14:1-7

Everliving God, you strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of your Son. Grant that we too may confess our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

July 22 ST. MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE

Ruth 1:6-18 Psalm 73:23-28 Acts 13:26-33a John 20:1-2, 11-18

Almighty God, your Son first trusted the apostle Mary Magdalene with the joyful news of his resurrection. Following the example of her witness, may we proclaim Christ as our living Lord and one day see him in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

July 25 ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 7:1-10 Acts 11:27-12:3a Mark 10:35-45

Gracious God, we remember before you today your faithful servant and apostle James, the first among the apostles to be martyred for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service which is the true mark of authority among your people, through Jesus Christ, our servant, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

MANY HANDS...

Please remember the adage: "Many hands make light work" and apply it to the following volunteering opportunities at church.

Ushers

Greeters

Coffee Hour hosts

Acolytes

Communion Assistants

Assisting Ministers

Nursery Staff

Music

Sound Board Technicians

Altar Care



Don't know who to call or how to help? Let PR or gathering@immanuel-gl.org and we will get right on it.
Thank you, The Gathering Team

APRIL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Through our tithes and offerings we gave to God's work *over and above* our own church needs in the following ways:

- ELCA Mission Giving: \$2,123
- ALTERNATIVE Mission Giving: \$467
Lutheran World Relief: Clean water is a global crisis. LWR helps long and short term, such as water filtration in locations of high risk for disease. Stony Lake Camp needs a modern Boys Bathhouse. This gift will be split. Our youth will be going to camp in June. We will ask how the project is coming.
- LENT SPECIAL: \$904 (\$1,639 total)
SIREN/Eaton Shelter (homeless and abused) and Energy Reduction Projects at Immanuel will each receive half. A check has been sent to SIREN.
- JAPAN RELIEF: \$10 (\$220) *A check has been sent to ELCA Disaster Relief*
- TRANSITION FUND: \$2,275
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We give thee but thine own, O God, whate'er the gift may be.

TREASURER'S REPORT April 2011

	Balance	Income	Expense	Balance
General Fund	(\$ 524)	\$21,253	(\$17,250)	\$ 3,479
Building/Mortgage	\$4,811	\$2,469	(\$ 2,606)	\$ 4,673

Island Art Fair Hospitality Day, August 6 Are You Interested In Helping Out???

The Island Art Fair in Grand Ledge has been scheduled for August 6. In the past, we have opened up our church as a Hospitality Center and displayed art and crafts of our members. The Serving Team is interested in finding out if we have individuals available to help with this year's event. We need people to set up and take down displays, serve as hosts, oversee the parking and provide arts and crafts to display. Many of our Serving Team members will not be in town on August 6, so in order for this event to occur we are reaching out to everyone to see if there is interest and energy. If we do not have enough volunteers to open the church as a Hospitality Center, our parking lot will still be used for our out of town guests. If interested in helping in anyway, contact Den Graeber, phone 627-3116. by June 1. Thanks!

Thanks to Frank LaFay for painting the sacristy, as well as helping clean up downed limbs and water in the church from storm.

Thanks to Jerry Marcus for fixing broken pew leg.

Thanks to all those who work on odd jobs to keep our church facility in good order.

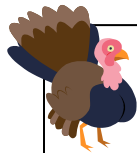
Dick Berner, Upkeeper coordinator
(517)898-8975



July 25 ~ 29, 2011

Children 5 years old ~ 5th grade welcome.

Registration & volunteer forms
on-line at immanuel-gl.org or in the entryway.



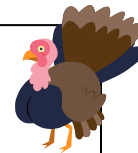
LUTHER LEAGUE II

Monday, June 13

Annual Trip to Turkeyville

Leave the church at 12:00

Contact Joy Powis (627-7067) or Vera Ford (627-5213)
to reserve your spot.



EARTHKEEPING REPORT

On May 17, 1999, the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod approved a resolution titled *Congregational Covenants for the Care of Creation* (see next page). It formalized the process to encourage Synod congregations to consider and formally adopt a document called "Covenant for the Care of Creation". In April of this year, Immanuel's Serving Team unanimously recommended that Church Council do this, and the action was taken at the May, 2011 meeting of Council.

This activity is in keeping with the national ELCA's "social statement" *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* adopted by the third Churchwide Assembly in August, 1993. This document was studied and discussed by Immanuel's Sunday Bible Study class earlier this year. Additional related and supporting information can be found at the website www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org. LRC is a grassroots movement within the ELCA, seeking to foster caring for God's good creation in all expressions of the church's life, and other companions sites.

Immanuel's Earthkeeping committee, a part of the Serving Team, invites other members of the congregation to join the Committee - which has already initiated several actions such as expanded recycling efforts and investigating the possibility of establishing a significant area of native plant habitat on the Immanuel property. If interested, please contact David Houseman at 627-3907 or davidhouseman199@gmail.com. We have identified a number of ideas / projects to pursue and welcome others to join us in these efforts.

NWL MI SYNOD RESOLUTION ON
CONGREGATIONAL COVENANTS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Adopted at synod assembly in 1999

WHEREAS, "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1); and
WHEREAS, the people of God have a special calling to proclaim and to be signs of God's reign of love and justice and the New Creation; and
WHEREAS, we are given a biblical mandate to care for creation as stewards, imaging God's love and care for the earth; and
WHEREAS, the North / West Lower Michigan Synod did establish, and continues to support, an Environmental Stewardship Network for the synod's congregations and encourages participation therein (May 1992 Synod Assembly Resolution on Environmental Stewardship); and
WHEREAS, the ELCA's "Caring for Creation" social statement encourages congregations to do all they can in their own worship community;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North / West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Assembly encourage all the congregations of our synod to adopt a Covenant on Caring for Creation as a means of becoming more intentional in our stewardship of God's earth;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Church in Society Committee, through the Environmental Stewardship Network, assist congregations with materials and support in forming such a Covenant;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that congregations taking this step be recognized at future synod assemblies by presentation of a document stating their covenantal intentions regarding the care of creation.

Submitted by the Church in Society Committee to the
ELCA North / West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly May 16-18, 1999

APPROVED May 17, 1999

COVENANT FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

The Church's concern for God's creation is shaped by the Creative Word of God, the love of God hanging on a cross, and the Spirit of God daily renewing the face of the earth. Caring, serving, keeping, loving, living by wisdom and compassion – these translate into striving for justice in social, economic, political, and environmental matters.

Therefore, the governing body of our congregation affirms the importance of healing and defending creation to our mission as God's people.

**As a covenant congregation,
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge MI
will:**

STUDY AND LEARN about God's marvelous creation and our responsibility to God and our place in his creation;
PRAY, PREACH, AND WORSHIP so that our environmental activities grow out of biblical faith, reverence, and love for God's creation;
MAKE CONGREGATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL LIFESTYLE CHANGES to better model our concern and care for creation;
and
GET INVOLVED in our communities, our state, our nation, and the world, to promote policies that foster justice and wholeness of God's creation.

**Through this covenant
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge MI**

claims the promise of "a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1). We dedicate our congregation's life to the care and redemption of all that God has made, for the sake of Jesus Christ who lived, died, and was raised for us to reconcile us and all creatures of God. (Colossians 1:20)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00 pm 'Weekender' Worship	3 8:00 pm AA	4 8:00 am AA
5 9:30 am Worship	6 10:30 Frozen Chosen 4 – 6:00 pm Community Soup Night	7	8	9 7:00 pm 'Weekender' Worship	10 8:00 pm AA	11 8:00 am AA
12 9:30 am Worship	13 4 – 6:00 pm Community Soup Night	14 7:00 pm Church Council	15  <i>Rest</i> & RELAXATION	16 7:00 pm 'Weekender' Worship	17 8:00 pm AA	18 8:00 am AA 11 – 4 pm Car Wash
19 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:30 am Worship	20 4 – 6:00 pm Soup Night 7:00 pm Team Meetings	21	22	23 7:00 pm 'Weekender' Worship	24 8:00 pm AA	25 8:00 am AA
26 9:30 am Worship	27 4 – 6:00 pm Community Soup Night	28	29	30 7:00 pm 'Weekender' Worship		



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

June 1 Sherry Wellman

June 2 Morgan Bonette, Dana Schueller, Barb Walker, Evan Landry, Timothy Hubert

June 3 Nadene Emery

June 5 Claire Blaske

June 6 Glenna Miller

June 7 Lori Van Hoesen, Maggie Burnham, David Reed

June 8 Sandy Crambell, Stuart Vickers

June 9 Teresa Barcy

June 10 Benjamin Kuntzsch, Lydia Dinsmore

June 11 Jean Folk

June 12 Emily Martinich, Mary Jo Stein

June 13 Pat Anderson, Bob Cermak

June 15

June 16 Tonya Bonette

June 18 Delaney Fedewa, Frank LaFay

June 19

June 20 Richard Wellman

June 21 Patsy Galvin, Carol Van Gilder

June 22 Melody Crandall

June 25

June 26 Jim Espie, Jackie Fedewa

June 27 Jim Drown, Wayne Christiansen

June 28 John Burg

June 29 Lynne Erickson, Rachel Kuntzsch

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Richard & Sherry Wellman

Bob & Dawn Shilton

Fred & Mary Gehlhaar

Bob & Kathy Carter

Richard & Sharon Catey & Greg & Karlene Ketola
Gary & Bev Lass

Ritch & Wendy Lewis

Russ & Britten Riggs

Dick & Carol Van Gilder



KIDS HOPE USA CORNER

It is hard to believe that we are bringing another school year to a close this month. That makes five years that Immanuel Lutheran has been involved with the Kids Hope USA program. We have touched the lives of over 35 children through 32 mentors and prayer partners.

Wow! What a blessing to everyone!

We had several new challenges this year. One was the closing of Greenwood. Even though our students were divided between Beagle and Wacousta our mentors unanimously said, "Wherever my child goes, I will go, too!" For many it meant extra driving and unusual meeting times but the mentors always found a way to see their students every week. Kudos to all of them and their prayer partners for being faithful to their commitment.

Another challenge was the movement of children between school districts. At least five of our mentors during the year were saddened to hear that their child would no longer be attending a Grand Ledge school, but every one of them decided to start again with a new student. They knew that the need was great. Thanks to them for their commitment.

Our last challenge remains – we still have a waiting list of children at both schools who could use a 'special friend' to help them through difficult times. Please think and pray about this during the summer months. For the weekly commitment of an hour you will reap untold rewards including the enduring love of a child.

"Love for today, hope for tomorrow" – Kids Hope USA



Saturday, June 18

11am ~ 4pm

Immanuel Parking Lot

Proceeds will go towards sending
our youth to the 2012
National Gathering

