

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH-AND-SCHOOL

PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI

WEEKEND OF SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012

“Our sole purpose: Bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ”

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THANK YOU ...

- **Adult Choir**, for beautifying the 7:30 a.m. worship service last Sun., May 6.
- **Pastors, family, and friends**, for all the prayers and cards during my recent recovery. The Lord heals with prayer. Leroy Dreyer

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY, MOTHERS! Once again we pause on this “Mother’s Day” to thank God for and beg His continued blessings upon you and the families He has created through you. May you remain faithful and steadfast in your relationship with Jesus Christ and leading/encouraging your children in the same no matter how young or old they may be.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS wishes a “Happy Mother’s Day” to all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers worshipping at Immanuel this weekend. Help yourself to a Hershey’s “Kiss” and have a great day!

CONGRATULATIONS & GOD’S BLESSINGS! to the following youth of our congregation for awards received at St. Vincent Catholic High School: **Kylie Baer** (Volleyball 110%), **Jesse Francis** (Football 110% & one of three Captains for next season), **Abby Ruessler** (Softball awards), **Katie Taylor** (Volleyball Ms. Defense, 110%, & Scholar Athlete), and **Paige Yamnitz** (Volleyball MVP). In addition, **Kylie, Abby, Katie,** and **Paige** also received academic excellence awards. We are proud of y’all!

A SPECIAL REQUEST REGARDING WORSHIP ETIQUETTE Please do not enter the sanctuary during the “Invocation” through the “Collect of the Day” so as to not disturb/distract worshippers during this highly reverent time. Kindly enter before or during the “Hymn of Invocation” or wait at an entrance until after the “Collect of the Day” then enter before the pastor begins the “Bible Readings.” Thank you very much for your courteous cooperation.

THE QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING will be held this **Mon., May 14, 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Room. The budget and congregational leaders for the upcoming 2012-2013 Fiscal Year will be voted on. All communicant members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. The proposed budget and ballot are available in the church library.

ALL GRADUATES SINCE LAST MAY/JUNE please tell us by **next Sunday, May 20**, who you are and what your immediate future holds via the forms on the library table, email to ilcperryville@bigrivertel.net, or call the church office (547-8317). Kindly do this so we can include you in the News & Information bulletin the following weekend of Sunday, May 27.

INVITATION The honor of your presence is requested at the renewal of our wedding vows on our 40th wedding anniversary on Fri., June 1, 6:00 p.m. in Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please also join us for an open house reception on Sat., June 2, 2-4:00 p.m. in Immanuel Lutheran School.
Pastor & Sally Handrick

PART-TIME CHURCH CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE Main duties include cleaning and maintaining the church on a weekly basis. The job will pay 24 hours per week. Please speak with Joel Heuring (573-576-1076) or email him (jnh@richardetfloors.com) for more information including a detailed list of the duties or if you would like to apply.
Board of Trustees, Joel Heuring, Chairman

“MESSENGER” NEWSLETTER FOR MAY-JUNE is available at our Immanuel Lutheran Church and School website (www.immanuel-perryville.org). Hard copies were mailed to all who do not have internet access.

CALENDAR CORRECTION *The Hand to Hand 12 Step Meetings* on Thu. nights is cancelled only on May 17. The rest of the meetings will be held on all the other Thu. nights in May and June. *Joybells* will meet on Sat’s., May 12 and June 9, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

STEWARDSHIP “SENTENCE” 1 John 5:1-8: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God! This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome because in Christ we are the children of God who delight in doing that which pleases God and blesses those around us. The ways in which we use our money, time and abilities demonstrate that we are the redeemed people of God. Good stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!

IMPORTANT/SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS ...

- ★ **Sun., May 13** = Saxony Lutheran High School Graduation @ 2:00 p.m.
- ★ **Thu., May 17** = “The Ascension of Our Lord” Divine Service with Holy Comm. @ 7:00 p.m.
- ★ **Fri., May 18** = Last day of this 2011-2012 School Year with Closing Day Chapel Devotion and special presentations/awards @ 8:15 a.m.
- ★ **Sun., May 20** = Immanuel Lutheran School 8th Grade Graduation @ 5:30 p.m.
- ★ **Mon., June 11-Sun., June 17** = Pastor Marks on vacation.
- ★ **Wed., July 4** = Patriotic Prayer Service @ 11:00 a.m. (sanctuary) followed by special lunch & program (ILS gym.)
- ★ **Thu., July 19-Wed., July 25** = Pastor Handrick on vacation.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF NEW AMERICANS would like some help in sprucing up their Peace Center for New Americans, 4019 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis on “Send Me St. Louis” Sat., May 19, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you are willing to help, check out their website (www.cfna-stl.org) or speak with Waldemar Bergdolt (547-2438).

URGENTLY NEEDED: GENTLEMEN (HIGH SCHOOL AGE AND ABOVE) TO SERVE AS USHERS

In an effort to spread the amount of worship services among a larger amount of ushers, we need more men to serve in that role. If you will do so please indicate such on your "Worship & Holy Communion Attendance" card ... and designate which worship service(s) you can/will serve. The more ushers we have, the fewer worship services each one has to work.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FRIEDENBERG needs oil lamps for different events. If you could donate any please speak with Sandy Koenig (547-8607).

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

- ★ **Altenburg Zone Outreach Project** Cindy Redeker, Zone Vice President of Human Care/Gospel Outreach, received a grant of \$1,000 for our zone to help the WHO (Women Helping Others) with Kids Against Hunger in Madagascar. We will meet on Wed., May 16, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room to assemble the items needed, weigh and package bags of meals to send to Madagascar. Anyone in the congregation interested can help. The project should be completed by noon.
- ★ The ingathering for the District LWML convention to be held in St. Charles, MO, June 8-10, 2012 is: **FIRST-AID KITS** (available at Walmart for less than \$10), **MONETARY DONATIONS** (for the purchase of Bilingual Bibles), checks made payable to: "Missouri District LWML," or **GIFT CARDS** to *SCHNUCKS, WALMART, TARGET, LOWES, or HOME DEPOT* and make sure you write the value of each on the back of the card. They will be given to *LYDLA'S HOUSE* to help abused women and children. Please drop off your donations in the Food Pantry and mark them "LWML". Thank you!
- ★ LWML members are asked to pick up their revised copy of the Standing Rules which are on the LWML table in the Narthex.
- ★ **The LWML May Meeting** will be on Wed., May 23, 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. We will visit the nursing homes and play Bingo with the residents. Suggested items to bring for Bingo are bananas, angel food cake (individually wrapped slices), small bags of chips, jewelry, small packages of Kleenex, lotion, change purses, stuffed animals, knick knacks, and personal care items. We will return to church about 7:00 p.m. for a devotion and gathering of Mites with related devotion. Hostesses for the evening are Sid Hemmann, Mildred Cearlock, and Mickey Hoehn.

COME GROW WITH US Immanuel pens are again available at the visitor desk as gifts for guests and for use by Immanuel members for outreach to neighbors and friends.

MISSIONARY HEISE in his Easter 2012 newsletter writes that the publication of Martin Luther's Small Catechism in the Georgian language was celebrated this Easter by Lutheran congregations and Bible study groups in Georgia. An Easter Mon. orthodox tradition in Georgia is placing Easter eggs on graves, but its original meaning has been long forgotten or shunted to the background. You can find Pastor Heise's "Notes from the Edge of the World" on Immanuel's website under bulletin or in the Heise folder behind the guest desk.

NEWS FROM THE EDGE OF THE WORLD for May 2012 tells about Missionary Heise's visit to Leipzig, Germany where he found the Independent Lutheran Church of Germany (SELK) reaching out with hope and good news to immigrants from former communist and socialist nations such as Cuba, Vietnam and Mozambique. At SELK mission festivals and a weekend seminar with Iranian refugees, Pastor Heise shared the hope we have in Christ. For some it was good news, but for others it was difficult to square with their former allegiance to Islam. However, the SELK members show them unconditional love by helping them adjust to German life. You can read Pastor Heise's newsletter on Immanuel's web site or from the print out on the bulletin board in the Heise folder behind the guest desk.

LUTHERAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES REQUEST LFCS provides annual services to around 100 pregnant teens and young women in Southeast Missouri. As a pro-life ministry, we offer support to these young mothers. Donations of diapers sizes newborn-5 are much needed. The shelves are very low. Wipes are most helpful, too. As a reminder, of the clients LFCS worked with that gave birth in 2011, 95% had healthy babies with healthy deliveries for the moms. 85% of clients continued or returned to school, got a GED, returned to or secured a job. Our services make a difference. Your donations help us make that difference. Fill a crib and bring the items to the LFCs office by the end of June, or sooner. Or call 334-5866 and someone can pick them up.

PRAY FOR US CALENDAR for May 16-31 asks prayer for LCMS chaplains in the US Armed Forces. Currently there are 67 Army, Navy, and Air Force chaplains on active duty, 83 chaplains serving in the Army Reserve and National Guard forces, and 29 Civil Air Patrol volunteer chaplains. Chaplain Matthew Franke at McChord Field, WA, whose parents are George & Luella Franke from Uniontown, is on the list of chaplains who have birthdays in May, his being on May 22. Armed Forces Sun. is May 20 when many LCMS congregations give thanks, pray for, & support the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. You can download the calendar from Immanuel's web site when you click on bulletin or get a print-out from the outreach table by the library door.

THE SPRING 2012 BOOTHEEL BULLETIN from the Lutheran Mission Partnership of Southeast Missouri (LMP-SEMO) is available in the Heise folder behind the guest desk. See pictures from the three partnership churches at Kennett, Malden, and Doniphan with a collective attendance of 50 worshipers that had 10 baptisms and 5 confirmations this past year. These churches thank us for our prayers and support.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION

- ☺ **JUST A REMINDER** that the **2011-2012 Sunday School session ends this Sun., May 13.** We will resume with the 2012-2013 Sunday School year in the fall after school begins.
- ☺ **SAVE THE DATE!** 2012 Summer Vacation Bible School is set for Sun.-Fri., July 22-27. An evening meal will be provided Sun.-Thu., 5-5:30 p.m., with the closing on Fri. evening. Children will be put in groups by age/class. Register your child(ren) by JULY 1 to receive a FREE t-shirt at <http://bit.ly/vbs2012> or via the registration forms in the narthex.
- ☺ **NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS/HELPERS** for VBS. We would like you to be a part of our **AMAZING DESERT JOURNEY.** Please sign the sheet on the VBS table or notify a board member on the Board of Parish Education if you will do so.
- ☺ **ATTENTION** Boards and Organizations. We are looking for HELP with two VBS meals. Currently the following have volunteered to provide a meal: ILS PTL, LWML, and the Fellowship Club. If interested please speak with Beth Anderson (517-1083) or notify the church office.

CALLING ALL MILITARY VETERANS!!! Once again the Spirit Within Committee invites you and a guest to join us on Wed., July 4 @ 12:30 p.m., following the church service @ 11:00 a.m., at the Immanuel Lutheran School Multipurpose Building for a Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. This is a \$FREE meal honoring the local VETERANS for their dedication and hard work for our country. Tickets are required for entrance to the luncheon. Tickets will be available for pickup beginning Tue., May 1 at the following locations: Immanuel Lutheran Church Office, American Legion, Amvets, VFW, and the National Guard Armory. Please do not wait till the last minute to get your tickets as to there is limited seating available.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Acts 10:34–48; 1 John 5:1–8; St. John 15:9–17) ***The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel*** The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His Apostles, who “*are witnesses of all that He did.*” He was anointed by God “*with the Holy Spirit and with power*” and “*He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*” and so He was with those whom He sent “*to preach to the people*” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “*baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,*” so that “*everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name*” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “*the water and the blood*” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “*joy may be full.*” For this purpose He appointed the Apostles to “*go and bear fruit,*” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

- ☺ **A NEW WISH (“BUCKET”) LIST:** Digital cameras for each classroom—need 12: \$100-\$150; DVD/VCR player: \$100; LCD projector: \$500-\$700; Video cameras for Computer Lab—Set of 5: \$200-\$300 each; an outdoor volleyball net set \$500-800.

- ☺ **SUMMER SONSHINE CLUB** will be offered this summer. This daycare program for children ages 3-12 provides a safe and loving Christian environment. It will begin on Mon., May 21 and end on Tue., Aug. 14. Hours will be 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. The older children will attend the Perry Park Center to swim and go bowling at the K of C Bowling Center. All children will attend programs and movies at the Perry Park Center. We look forward to serving many families at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School. If you have any questions, please speak with Beverly Buerck (547-6161).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

This Fri., May 18: Last day of School, Chapel @ 8:15 a.m., Dismissal @ 10:00 a.m.

This Sun., May 20: 8th Grade Graduation @ 5:30 p.m.

We are completing another GREAT year at Immanuel. Our new teacher, our new students and our new materials-classroom and playground- have been successful!

We are making efforts to respond to the trends-educationally and the use of technology- AND maintain the high quality, Christ-centered education that makes Immanuel Lutheran School outstanding. We will continue to work through the summer at ‘making ourselves even better.’

We are blessed with this new building and the fact that the loan on this new construction is getting so very close to just \$500,000 is **FANTASTIC**. From a \$2.6 million loan of less than nine years ago, to owe just over one-half a million is outstanding. Now let’s get rid of the rest and move on to the next part of the church and school growth!

Thanks to everyone for your prayerful support, your financial support and your personal and in-person support of our school ministry. May God continue to bless His work at this time and in this place.

Mr. Unzicker, Principal

ATTENTION THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS MEMBERS Our congregation advocates are Dale and Sandy Koenig (547-8607), Laverne Schaefer (547-8812), and Arlene Lohmann (517-7850). If there are any requests for matching fund projects or hands-on service projects from any congregation organization (Lutheran School, Boards, etc.) please speak with one of these individuals for more information. Thrivent choice dollars received are available to fund these types of projects. (See item on the narthex bulletin board for more information about Thrivent Choice.)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ITEMS ...

- ☞ **LIFE QUOTE:** “Thank God for His gift of Christian motherhood, because those who have been blessed through it enjoy priceless spiritual treasures and are given the privilege of serving the Lord in His kingdom.” *Rev. Mark Gullerud, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*
- ☞ **LIFE THOUGHT:** Mothers often exemplify the sacrificial love of Jesus (John 15:13) in so many ways. Perhaps the greatest love and motherly sacrifice occurs when that unmarried teen mom decides to do what is best for her and her baby and makes an adoption plan for her child.

PRAY FOR US CALENDAR for May 1-15 suggests prayer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of India (IELC) and the Lanka Lutheran Church (LLC), two LCMS partner churches who serve the people of India and Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon). IELC has a baptized membership of nearly 50,000 in more than 1000 congregations, a system of 80 Lutheran schools, and a seminary for pastor training in Nagercoil, India. The LLC of Sri Lanka has more than 1,000 members with 22 congregations, five pastors, eight evangelists and 10 teachers serving in 5 pre-schools.

Missionary birthdays in May include Michael Rodewald on May 11 and Matthew Heise on May 15. Copies of the May 2012 calendar are available on the outreach table by the library door and on Immanuel’s web site under bulletin.

DIVINE SERVICE SERVANTS, ETC. FOR NEXT WEEKEND OF SUN., MAY 20

Liturgist & Proclaimer: Rev. Matthew T. Marks

Organist: Mrs. Janet Seibel

Elders @ 5:30 p.m.: Brian Dreyer; **@ 7:30 a.m.:** Ben Davis & William Jones; **@ 10:00 a.m.:** Mark Weinkein

Acolytes @ 5:30 p.m.: None Scheduled; **@ 7:30 a.m.:** None Scheduled; **@ 10:00 a.m.:** None Scheduled

Ushers @ 5:30 p.m.: *Randy Lorenz*, Tom Hoff, Brad Schweiss, Calvin Schauptert, Donald Tanz; **@ 7:30 a.m.:** *Roger Hoff*, Dempsey Grantham, Kevin Gruenwald, Dale Koenig; **@ 10:00 a.m.:** *Bob Wichern*, Ryan Wichern, Arnold Koenig, Bill Hoff, Brian Ozark, Chad Ozark, Jacob Bishop

Greeters @ 5:30 p.m.: Karen Schweiss, Wanda Tanz, Katie Schweiss, Shirlene Schauptert; **@ 7:30 a.m.:** Meredith Gruenwald, Kristen Gruenwald, Rachel Gruenwald, Debbie Chappius, Sandy Koenig; **@ 10:00 a.m.:** Pat Wichern, Ruby Koenig, Terri Hoff, Donna Ozark

Chancel Guild for May: *Altar:* Debbie Chappius & Eunice Buerck. *Flowers:* Brenda Ochs & Velda Hennemann

Bible Readings: Acts 1:12-26; 1 John 5:9-15; St. John 17:11b-19

Hymns: 650, “Let Me Learn of Jesus,” 539, 701, 644, 821, 856, 491

Sermon: Acts 1:12-26, “Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas”

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the church library for the 2012-2013 school year. There are 3 different ones with different requirements. You must be a member of Immanuel to apply. The deadline to return is May 24, 2012.

**INFORMATION FOR THE FOLLOWING AREA BENEFIT MEALS & EVENTS
IS POSTED ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD**

- Lutheran Heritage Center in Altenburg Traveling Quilt Exhibit, May 1-July 1.
- Patriotic Concert, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Sun., May 27, 4:00 p.m.
- Perryville Community Blood Drive, Perry Park Center, Tue., May 29, 12-6:00 p.m.
- Vitae Foundation's Perryville Pro-Life Benefit Dinner, Mon., June 4, 6:30 p.m.
- Saxony Lutheran High School Soccer Camp, Mon.-Thu., June 11-14.
- Vacation Bible School at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Mon.-Fri., June 18-22.
- Education for Altenburg Foundation Golf Tournament, Fri., July 13.

SAVE THE DATES

2012 VBS

SUN., JULY 22 – THU., JULY 26 (CLOSING FRI., JULY 27)

The *Amazing Desert Journey* VBS
is an exciting journey for
ages 3 years-old through grade 6!
Come explore Bible stories,
take Bible challenges, make
crafts, play games, sing, and more!

