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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2007

VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

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Summer Worship Schedule

On May 27th we will begin our summer worship schedule with services being offered at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. Please note that May 27th is the Day of Pentecost and so Holy Communion will be offered. We will also recognize our 2007 graduates that day.

Reception for Graduates

After the service next Sunday, the Ladies Aid will be serving refreshments in honor of our graduating seniors. Ladies Aid members are asked to each bring 2 dozen cookies or bars.

Building Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 22nd

The Building Committee will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. They will be discussing the kitchen floor and anyone interested in the discussion is welcome to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

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| Today: | 11:45AM | Stewardship Meeting |
| Monday: | 1:00PM | Ladies Mission Project |
| Tuesday: | 6:00PM | School Board Meeting, Concordia |
| | 7:30PM | Building Committee meeting |
| | 7:30PM | Softball – Immanuel vs Knights on Field 2 |
| Wednesday: | 2:00PM | Seminary Home Service with Pastor Sorenson |
| Thursday: | | No Women's Bible Study |
| Friday: | 4-9PM | Youth Room Open |
| Saturday: | | Pentecost Eve: Exodus 19:1-9; Rom. 8:12-27; John 14:8-21 |
| | 9AM-5PM | Stampin' with the Spirit |
| Next Sunday: | 9:30AM | Worship with Holy Communion Recognition of the 2007 High School Graduates |

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| Today | - Randy Meyer, Genevieve Schultz |
| Monday | - Harold Augustin, Burnetta Dicke |
| Saturday | - Elaine Roschen |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Elaine Roschen (undergoing chemotherapy); Howard Vieths (diagnosed with cancer); Margie Stumpf (healing); Marilyn Kromminga (healing); Irene Pasche (recovering from heart surgery); Orville Augustin (healing); Harold Augustin (healing).

Life Quote – May 20

“That the Son of God should become also truly man and live among us in the chaos and the suffering of this world is a great revelation of God's love and care for us. That out of concern for our redemption He was willing to go to the depths of suffering and dying for our sins on the cross is further evidence of His tremendous love for us. Even as He ascended into heaven, the disciples were given the assurance “Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age” (Matthew 28:20 RSV). In an unseen way He is with us, and comes to dwell in our hearts and lives through faith.” *Rev. Mark Svaren, speaker, “The Hour of Hope” radio broadcast.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, May 27

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark Muenchow

“How to Build a Fire”

Has the world left you with nothing to hold onto? Hold onto Jesus, who promises never to leave nor forsake you. (Acts 2:1-4)

Happy 100th Birthday!

Mrs. Vivian Mock, who was an organist and the wife of a former Pastor here at Immanuel, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, May 27th. Anyone wishing to send her a card can send it to her daughter, Mrs. Deborah Kokaska, 25004 Ambrose Road, Plainfield, IL 60585-7873.

Sunday School Training Workshop

Sunday School is an exciting part of our church's outreach and a fun way for you to take part in spreading the Gospel. If you have ever wanted to learn more about participating in this important work, now is your chance. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of North Mankato is hosting a Sunday School training workshop on Saturday, June 2nd from 9AM-12PM. The workshop fee of \$20 includes an annual subscription to “Teachers Interaction” magazine. To register go to sundayschool.cph.org/workshops or talk to Pastor Sorenson.

Special Voters' Meeting – June 10

Attention all Voting Members of Immanuel: A special meeting is being called for June 10th after the 9:30AM worship service to discuss issues related to repairing certain features of our organ. Murray Burfeind has done some diagnostic work on the organ and has given us an estimate to repair some mechanical and electrical problems he has discovered. Most urgent is repairing some damage that has been done because of mice actually chewing through electrical wiring. Please make every effort to attend so that we meet our quorum requirement. Thank you!

Fellowship Club

There will be no June Fellowship Club meeting.