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PRINTS OF PEACE

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A VIEW FROM THE PEW by Rachel Brophy

“Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

On Good Friday Jesus was crucified and three days later he rose from the dead on Easter. This fulfillment of God’s promise means that as believers in Jesus Christ we are all saved by grace. We know this. If you’re reading these words, then you picked up your newsletter and have likely been to church enough to know about our wondrous gift of salvation. What many may not know, however, is that this is hardly where the story ends. Fifty days after Easter, God fulfills another promise to his people by sending his Holy Spirit to the church. This is what we call Pentecost.

Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the church,” because it was on this day that Peter preached his first sermon and roughly 3000 people joined the church. Before the day of Pentecost, there were believers, but the Christian church had yet to be “born.”

Many of us can probably rattle off something intelligible about Pentecost being the story of when the Holy Spirit blew into a room and soon everyone had flames above their heads and was speaking in all sorts of random languages which no one learned, but they all understood. But do we really understand what this means for us today?

When Jesus died on the cross we were given eternal life. When God fulfilled his promise on Pentecost by sending the Holy Spirit we were given a voice to go forth and spread the good news of salvation through Jesus.

We are not required to do anything to achieve our salvation. That is bought and paid for through grace, but in filling us with the Holy Spirit, God gives us the tool we need to go out into the world and share his word, so that others may be saved just as we are.

Many of us may think, “But why me? I don’t want to. I’m not good at that. I’m shy. People will laugh at me.” It is no mystery that we Lutherans are not really into evangelizing. We do our thing, help others and try to be good people, but going out into the streets and preaching the Good News really hasn’t been our style.

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“A View From the Pew” continued...

However, God wants us to do this, of course, so that others may hear the Good News and be saved, but also for what this experience does to enrich our own lives. In giving our lives over to speak the Lord’s words and do the Lord’s work, our lives are transformed into a thing so much better than we could have ever imagined. God wants our life here and now to be as rich as the next one, and the way to that experience is, as always, through him.

On the day of Pentecost the disciples were transformed into apostles. The believers were transformed into missionaries. God has given you the power by fulfilling his promise and filling you with the Holy Spirit. Go forth into this world on **your** mission and speak God’s word with your tongue of fire.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year’s VBS theme is

Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power!

Vacation Bible School will be held at Immanuel Church from Tuesday, July 14 thru Thursday, July 16th, 5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. Supper will be from 5:30 P.M.– 6:00 P.M. Classes begin at 6:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

Ages: for students who have completed Kindergarten thru those who have completed the 5th Grade. Older kids who would like to be helpers, please

see Amy Bomgaars regarding a training class. Thanks.

RAGBRAI DINNER

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
315 Hamilton Boulevard
Sioux City, IA 51103
Saturday, July 18, 2015**



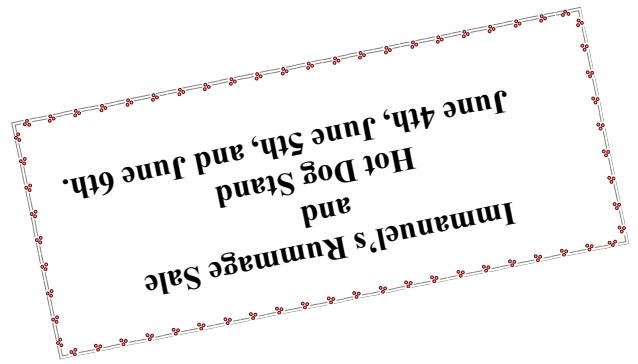
MENU

Smoked Pork Loin, Baked Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Corn, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Desserts.

Date: Sat., July 18th, **Time:** 4:30-7:30 P.M., **Cost:** \$8.00

Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet where you can help with the dinner.

Thank you for your input and continued support!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Alex and Aleisha Uhl on the birth of their daughter, Violet May, who was born on Sunday, May 24th, 2015.

OUR SYMPATHY TO...

...the Family of Anna Ruth Kelly. Ruth died on Thursday, April 23, 2015, in Sioux City. Ruth's Funeral Service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Monday, April 27th, with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery. Pastor Lil Johnston officiated due to Pastor Tess being on medical leave.

...the Family of Robert "Bob" Hamilton. Bob died on Saturday, May 9, 2015, in Sioux City. His Funeral Service was held on Thursday, May 14th, 2015, at the Orpheum Theater, Sioux City, IA. Burial was held in Memorial Park Cemetery on May 14th. Pastor Tess Panamarow, officiated.

PARISH REPORT

FUNERALS:

04/24/2015 Anna Ruth Kelly at Immanuel Church. Pastor Lil Johnston, officiated.

05/14/2015 Robert "Bob" Hamilton at the Orpheum Theater, Sioux City. Pastor Tess Panamarow, officiated.

WEDDING:

05/02/2015 Aleisha Violet Britt and Alexander Gregory Uhl at Stone State Park, Sioux City, Iowa. Pastor Tess Panamarow, officiated.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Carlson	1	Lorna Waddell	9	Ann Schneider	22
Sally Bjork	2	Kim Lutt	10	Shehaidy Anderson	22
Mary Miller	2	Linda Schmidt	10	Matthew Mann	24
Molly Brophy	3	Patrick Heagel	12	Suzanne Lundgren	25
Gary Ostermeyer	6	Bert Burwell	13	Tanner Smith	26
Gwenevere Heckhaus	6	Tykeha Williams	14	John Chesley	27
Richard DeBoer	7	Annette Severson	17	Berneeta Kirby	27
Kipton Heagel	8	Melissa Roberts	18	Elliot Jean Buller	28
		Debra Simon	19	Keri Aschenbrenner	29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas and Sally Bjork	16	Dustin and Jennifer Bliven	18	Nick and Nancy Kielhold	30
Ed and Sandi Fravel	17	Aaron and Amy Bomgaars	20		

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED...

...for Kenneth Hoffman, Neva Anderson, Matt Mann, Andy Anderson, Brad and Jennifer Gamble and Family, Shandy Thompson, Shirley Hamilton, Pat Hammond, Vonnie Langel, Bruce Gustavson, Austan Roupe, Cheryl Laier, Jerry Wilde, Matt Oleson, Rachel Wright, Robert "Chuck" Newton, Kathie Hill, Betty Jaques, Douglas Coffield, Mary Ann Chesley, Dale Grondahl, Pat Ellis, Grace Walk, Laura Howard, Dee Sturgeon, Vickie Hilden, Beverly Harding, Mary Borgstahl, Deb Simon, Merry Stewart, Steve Jansen, Chuck Stewart, Suzanne Lundgren.

...those who are in sorrow- the families of Anna Ruth Kelly and Robert (Bob) Hamilton

...for those who are serving our country in the Armed Services-

Jason Arnburg -	Navy	(San Diego, California)
Sean Arnburg -	Army	(Colorado)
Connie Miller -	Air Guard	(Sioux City)
Jim Schneider -	Air Guard	(Sioux City)
Tim Sunderman -	Navy	(Virginia)
Andy McIntosh -	Navy	(Persian Gulf)
Eric Flynn	Army	(Iraq)
MacKenzie Poskevich	Navy	(Seattle - to be called to the Mid East soon).

...for those in nursing homes and shut-ins -

Luann Davis	Dorothy Humphrey	Kathy Tiller
Betty Stewart	Roger Brown	Mary Ann Chesley

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary of April weekly offerings received:

April 5 \$2,057.36	April 19 \$2,338.00
April 12 \$1,528.20	April 26 \$ 927.00

Operating Budget - Needed per week: \$2,766.40

Building Fund - Needed per week: \$ 400.00

CAN YOU HELP?

The Outreach Committee is in need of Children's Bibles for all ages. If you can help donate, please contact Elaine Miller.

FREE BREAKFAST is available every Sunday from 9:00 A.M. – 10:25 A.M. Join Us!

FOOD FOR NEEDY

Please bring a box of macaroni and cheese for the community food pantry. Please place in the basket in the Narthex. Thanks!

**GRAND PIANO,
GRAND MUSIC!**



The Grand Piano we dedicated on Sunday, May 31st, is in honor of Bill Shelly who passed away last year. His wife, Kay, and daughter Beth and husband Andy, joined us for our Worship Service and Dedication. A special "Thank You" to Alison Bondy, J. R. and Paula Reider for their music in Celebration and Dedication of the Grand Piano. We are delighted to be able to carry on Bill's love of music on "His" piano!



June 21st, 2015

A Blessed Father's Day to all Father's and those who love as Father's do!

WOMEN'S CORNER

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KIT

LCW voted to begin collecting items for "Baby Care Kits" which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief in the fall. Each completed "Baby Kit" will contain 1. Two lightweight cotton t-shirts. 2. Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet). 3. Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel. 4. Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred. 5. One hooded sweatshirt. 6. Two pairs of socks. One hand towel, dark color recommended. 7. Two bath-size bars (4 to 5oz) of gentle soap, in original wrapping. 8. Two diaper pins or large safety pins.

During the month of June we are asking everyone to help with collecting **Two lightweight cotton**

T-shirts and one hand towel, dark color recommended. Remember this is a hand towel and not a full size towel. Each month we will be asking for another two different items on the list. Watch bulletins & newsletters for the items that we are asking for. These baby items can be 0 to 24 months in size. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can also be substituted for new. A box will be located in the Narthex on table for your donations to this very worthwhile cause. Any questions, please contact Linda McCrory. COLLECTING FOR JUNE- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts and one hand towel. Size of t-shirts can be up to 24 months.

ATTENTION WOMEN:

The Tri-Synodical Convention and Gathering will be June 19 - 20 at the Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. Keynote speaker is Rev. Wybeta Bullock, assistant to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Theme is "**Generations of Faith**". If interested, please contact Linda McCrory at 233-1369.

BANNER COMMITTEE

First meeting will be Tuesday, June 9th, at 1:00 P.M. to start working on the next banner. Join Us!

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE COFFEE ON SUNDAYS

June 7 Outreach Committee - Potluck Dinner
June 14 Jerry and Tracy Wilde
June 21 Jim and Linda McCrory
June 28 Deanna Mercure and Debbie Gallagher

LCW MEETING

The next LCW Meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 25, 2015**. Note that this meeting date is different from the meeting mentioned in the Lutheran Church Women handbook.

IMMANUEL'S RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 4th thru JUNE 6TH

The Church Rummage is scheduled for:

Thursday, June 4th, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.,
Friday, June 5th, 9:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.
Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

We accept **CLEAN and SLIGHTLY USED CLOTHING**, furniture, glassware, kitchen items, tools, bicycles, etc. You may bring your Rummage Sale items to church through June 3rd.

Please, NO Computers or TV's.

Questions...contact Orline Herbst at 255-9646.

Thanks, Orline Herbst, Chair.

HOT DOG STAND

The June Hot Dog Stand will be June 4th, 5th, and 6th in conjunction with our Rummage Sale. The Hot Dogs Stands are:

Thursday, June 4th, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
Friday, June 5th, 10:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M.
Saturday, June 6th, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Please sign your name on the sign-up sheet where you can help that best fits your schedule.

"Everyone's help makes light work for all."

As always, your help is very much appreciated!

Contemporary Worship Notes...

We're adding new contemporary music each week on Saturday at the "Good News at 5:30" service! Our musicians and singers bring a wealth of experience in leading/performing in worship. We bring a few old favorites and new versions of old hymns to the service, too.

Some of the songs done in May included:

Amazing Grace—My Chains Are Gone

A New Hallelujah

God, My Rock

You Are Holy

Shine, Jesus Shine

Love Divine (Purify)

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

How Great Thou Art

Your Grace is Enough

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

These and many more will be coming in June. And soon you might also see us participating occasionally in Sunday worship.

What's missing? Just you and your family! Please join us for our "Good News at 5:30" service — it's an uplifting experience!

WANTED! Your talent!

Do you play an instrument? Are you a singer? The Contemporary Worship Team is seeking instrumentalists and singers who can add their music to ours on an 'as needed' basis. No, you don't have to play or sing every week--just once in a while! (Although you're welcome anytime!) We'd like to compile a list of musicians that we can call when we need to add your voice, flute, brass instrument, percussion or stringed instrument for specific services or songs to worship services. (Sorry, no spoon players, please!)

Call or e-mail J.R. Reider at 712-281-0867 (note, new phone number!) or e-mail at...
rinnnebraska@hotmail.com. Thanks!, J. R.

CONGREGATION PICNIC IS A POTLUCK DINNER

We will have our Annual Worship Service and Church Picnic at Immanuel Church on Sunday, June 7th, at 10:30 A.M. and our Picnic Potluck Dinner immediately following our Worship Service. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. The beverage and table service will be provided. Join Us!

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCHEONS

On Sunday July 5th, and Sunday, August 2nd, we will be having potluck dinners instead of the prepared luncheons provided by the Outreach Committee. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. The luncheons prepared by the Outreach Committee will resume as usual the first Sunday of September.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Immanuel's Community Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 1st

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

The Rummage Sale will be held outdoors and the spaces are 10'x10' and rent for \$10.00 each.

The Hot Dog Stand will be held on...

Friday, July 31st, 11:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

and

Saturday, August 1st, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Please call the church office at (712) 255-4729 for registration forms.