



Immanuel Lighthouse

October 2011



*God's word is a lamp to my feet and
a light for my path. Psalm 119:105*

Sharing Faith, Hope and Love

In the Sellwood
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Since 1907

Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Communion on
1st & 3rd Sundays

Immanuel's Mission Statement

Called to love God
with all our hearts
and to love
our neighbors
as ourselves,

We offer ourselves
to God through:

- + Faithful study of
God's Word
- + Sincere worship
and prayer
- + Active fellowship
- + Loving Service



From the desk of Pastor David Zemke

October is the month in which we celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. We remember, with warm hearts, our patron, Martin Luther, nailing those 95 theses on the door. We lament the lack of repentance shown by the church of Luther's day. And, of course, we sing "A Mighty Fortress."

One of the enduring hallmarks of the Lutheran Reformation is the phrase "Sola Scriptura." This means that we understand our relationship with God and our own religion only through the pages of God's word. We won't be swayed by reason or experience or the counsel of men; we want to hear it from God's own Word. Scripture is the rule and norm for our lives of faith. If you're wondering what we believe, you'll find it in scripture. Oh, there are other books out there, helpful books to be sure, but they're all based on scripture.

We'll end our E 100 Bible reading program on Reformation Day this year. You'll have read through the 100 most important stories of the Bible. If you didn't participate with us in the program, it's not too late to start. Materials can be obtained at church. If you would like another Bible reading program, there are plenty more to choose from. The overarching point is that this shouldn't be the end. The Bible isn't one of those books which, once read, can be put back up on the shelf.

Lutherans, despite our history, have a reputation as being less Biblically literate than other denominations. Perhaps we place our faith and trust, as we should, in God's gifts to us: the sacraments. Perhaps we cling to our lectionary readings and the traditional, spoken, Word of God. Whatever the reason, this needs to change. For people living in the tradition of Martin Luther, we are poor representatives of Luther, much less Christ, when we do not treasure God's Word. The E 100 program was designed and implemented to help people gain a basic knowledge of the Bible, but it doesn't stop there.

We may be wrapping up the program, but we can't wrap up our Bible reading. It's fitting that the month immediately following the end of the E 100 program will be devoted to stewardship here. How do you use the gifts God has given you, including His word? Before we can do anything else in our Christian life, we must have a firm foundation in the word of God.

Let us renew our efforts and continue to find rich rewards in God's promises.

VBS

Busy bee-lievers gathered at Immanuel Lutheran Church the first week of August to gather the gospel! Our annual Vacation Bible School attracted 15 children over the week as we celebrated God's Word with a bumble bee theme. The Fellowship Hall floor was turned into a honey comb and hive leaders directed their busy bees from crafts to games to Bible stories.

While attendance was down this year from our previous year, the children had a great time singing, working on crafts, and playing tag games with Pastor Zemke!

The Bee theme for Vacation Bible School was presented by Pastor Zemke and Thomas Whalen as they opened the VBS time every morning with a skit. There was a Bible verse for every day as well as a gospel filled, Christ centered Bible story for every day led by John Lambert. Crafts, led by Marya, reinforced the theme of the day and games, led by Pastor, helped the children to use up some of their energy.

A good time was had by all as they ended the week with a picnic and parents to watch their closing program. Our busy bee-lievers look forward to next year and another VBS.

The VBS director wishes to thank all the hard working helper bees from Immanuel Lutheran Church who helped us have a successful Vacation Bible School.



Myrna and LeRoy Gugel
Oct. 5, 1958



<i>Steve Folkestad</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Don Cox Sr</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Ken Bladow</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>David Packard</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Richard Maunu</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Kathy Redwing</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Lynne Cox</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Jennifer Trinklein</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Virginia Tuten</i>	<i>25th</i>

Dorcas Guild

The Dorcas Guild very much appreciates the huge amount of first class resalable items that the congregation donated to our annual "Treasures" sale. We are especially grateful for the congregational members who helped us by setting up the fellowship hall, marking, selling. On Saturday afternoon a number of our Immanuel family showed up to help with boxing things up-cleaning and setting up the hall for Sunday morning. We couldn't have managed this large project without you.

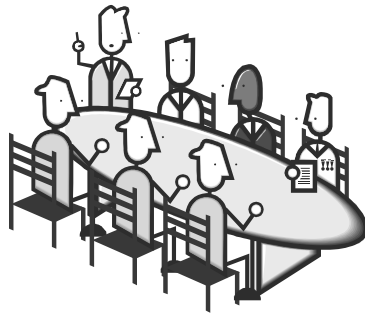
As we are going to press, the sale is just ending so we can't report on the proceeds until next month's newsletter, however the following are the mission projects that we will support with the proceeds:

- West Women's and Children's Shelter
- Shepherd's Door
- Good Shepherd Auxiliary
- Loaves and Fishes
- Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Fish
- Ronald McDonald House
- Portland Rescue Mission
- Portland Lutheran High
- The Lutheran Hour
- Community Transitional School for Homeless Children
- Lutheran World Relief (soap, layette & school kits, new blankets and quilts) Postage for mailing these items
- Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- Lutheran Prison Ministries
- LCMS World Missions
- Gifts for members who are serving in the military

Your contributions will affect and improve many lives. Thank you.

Gloria Logan

Endowment Report



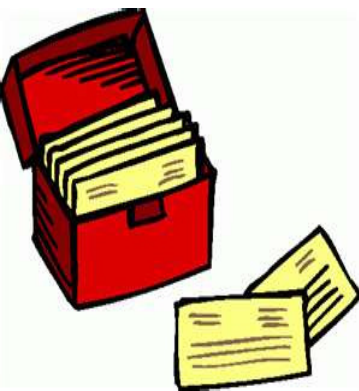
At the September Quarterly meeting of the committee, several grant requests were considered and the following were approved.

- Holy Cross Lutheran Church (for community outreach events) \$625
 - Lutheran Latino Ministries \$1600
 - Store To Door (services to the homebound) \$2000
 - Concordia Seminary Student (from Northwest District) \$1000
- Total \$5225

The grants are funded each year from the available interest earned from the Endowment Fund investments. Many have received help in the form of grants in the 10 years since the fund's inception. Additionally, Church capital improvements and projects have been funded.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund by members through their estates and memorials, as well as donations for special occasions have made these grants possible and allows us to continue our church's work at large.

Gloria Logan
Chairman, Endowment Committee



Several requests were made to include the following chicken salad recipe in this month's Lighthouse. It was served at Stasia's Baby Shower hosted by the Dorcas Guild.

Tropical Chicken Salad

- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- ¾ cup salted peanuts or cashew halves
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 large firm bananas, sliced
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 (11 oz) can mandarin oranges, drained
- ½-1 tsp curry powder
- ½ cup flaked coconut
- Salad greens (optional)

Place chicken and celery in a large bowl. Combine mayonnaise and curry powder; add to chicken mixture and mix well. Cover and chill at least 30 minutes. Before serving add pineapple, bananas, oranges and coconut; toss lightly. Serve on salad greens if desired.



Recently we celebrated the 90th birthday of Juanita Bladow during fellowship time after church.

Juanita was born in Jesup, Iowa on August 3rd, 1921. She was the youngest of six children. In 1938 Juanita started dating Woodrow Bladow while working at the Rath (Meat) Packing Company. They were married April 25th, 1941 in Waterloo, IA. When WWII was declared in December of '41, She and Woody both quit their jobs with Rath's and moved to Portland, Oregon to work in the shipyards. Woody was hired immediately for the shipyards but she decided to work for Columbia Aircraft assembling elevators on wings for Douglas Aircraft until the war was over. They stayed in Portland and raised their two children, Theresa and Kenneth. After the war, Juanita attended Portland Beauty College. After one year, she graduated in 1947 and purchased a beauty shop and operated it until 1955 when she had to sell it because of allergies to the solutions. Juanita then went to work at Leupold and Stevens, assembling different types of instruments such as compasses, fire finders, rifle scopes, and doing lens work. After 30 years with Leupold & Stevens she retired in 1986. While retired Juanita enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, volunteering with Loaves & Fishes and of course being steadily involved with church activities.



Note: There has been a request for the apple/fruit salad that someone brought to the church picnic. It was served in an aluminum bowl.

From the Elders

I've been thinking a lot about my mortality lately, partly because I'm about to turn 60 and also because of the loss of my brother two years ago this Christmas. When I was younger, I often thought I would like to live to be 100. When I would have a check-up, my blood pressure was always low, so I began thinking that all it takes to live a long life is a low blood pressure. Now that I'm moving from middle age into older age, I'm looking at it differently.

I recently attended the funeral of my Dad's aunt; she was 102. She was a strict Apostolic Lutheran, and it seemed they focused more on the fear of God, the Law, as Pastor Dave would say, rather than the grace, love and forgiveness of God, the Gospel.

I have since stopped thinking about living to be 100 and realize that it's not how long I'm here but what I do with the time God has given me. To be called a Christian is truly a compliment. To live my life Christ-like is a daily goal, one which, although not an easy one, is one with great rewards. To help a family member, to reach out to a friend, or to acknowledge a stranger always makes me feel good. I believe we are not here to be self-serving but to serve others, and by doing so, we serve and honor God. When I look around me here at Immanuel I see many examples of members who live their lives as God intended. One that is always on my mind, and was a true role model, is Margaret Christofferson. If I am blessed with a long life, I hope that I will be able to impact as many lives as Margaret. My wish for you, my fellow Christians, is that you too will feel good when you live your lives as God intended.

Dick Maunu



In a recent Lighthouse newsletter, there was an article about the LWML Conventin held in Peoria, Illinois this past June. Kay Vockrodt represented Immanuel's Dorcas Guild as well as the Interstate Zone for the Oregon District. I am always so amazed at what this group of Ladies accomplishes. There was a request for donated items to be sent to people and boy did the attendees respond. For the Orphan Grain Train, LWML members dropped off 2,587 quilts, 2,382 towel sets, 2795 sets of underwear, 5,587 hygiene kits for men and women, 3,875 miscellaneous items and 12,305 Arch books with Biblical messages.

Big as that was, it was only a foreshadowing of the great hopes and dreams that the LWML has for the coming months. Their mission goals for 2011-2013 is \$1,825,000. Members and extended church family will fill their Mite Boxes with coins, checks and bills. This money will fund 19 LWML Missison Grants chosen by the voting body. Among those is a \$75,000 grant for 'Project Joel', a Latin American Gospel thrust of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Six other ministry projects have been pledged \$100,000 each and include the production of material for blind and visually impaired, support for cancer care, funds to fight Malaria in Eastern Africa, help for children with disabilities in the Dominican Republic, care and education for missionary families, and expansion of campus care for American Indians in Lawrence, Kansas. The LHM grant was one of the nine that each amountyed to more than \$75,000.

While at the Convention 1,350 attendees marked key passages in English and Spanish Bibles for distribution through mission sites and for people with cancer. Welcome kits for deaf children were completed. Fleece blankets were made. Rolled bandages were prepared. Jewelry was produced with a Gospel reminder. Pages of Braille Psalms in Swahili were completed for distribution in Africa. Blood was donated to the Red Cross.

How impressive! To God be the glory! The members of Immanuel's Dorcas Guild are proud to be a part of this fantastic organization!

Betty Osmondson

