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*In response to the call of Jesus Christ,
we the people of
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran
Church are committed to:*

***Celebrating** the excitement of God's
influence in life by being visible witnesses
of Christ and*

***Ministering** to the spiritual and physical
needs of our community and the world,*

**Welcome to Immanuel! Thank you
for worshiping with us today. Please
sign the worship welcome pad (red
binder) during the offering. Thank
you!**

**Worship with Holy Communion
8:15 AM and 11:00AM.
Sunday School - 9:30AM.**

The nursery is available for children in
kindergarten and younger following the
Children's Message.

**FM hearing loops and large print
hymnals** are available at the back of the
church. Please see an usher to assist
you. The church is equipped for hearing

Invitation to Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all
baptized Christians who have been admitted to
the Lord's Table in their own church and
acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in
the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness
of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to
offer white grape juice to those not desiring red
wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are
next to the communion assistants. Please
indicate your desire for grape juice to the
communion assistant. Empty communion
glasses are deposited on the end of the front
pews. All who commune are asked to check the
"will commune" box in the red worship
welcome pad.

Singing the Songs of Faith

When Peace like a River *ELW 785 stanza 3*
Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord; praise the Lord, O my soul

It is well (it is well)
with my soul (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Prior to the start of worship, please turn off **cel-
lular phones, pagers or watch alarms** that
may sound during the worship service.

**The Service of Holy Communion
September 25, 2011 9:30AM
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Celebrate with Joy - Dobrinski
ImmanuBells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of abundant mercy,

C: we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

P: God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.

C: Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

O God, My Faithful God

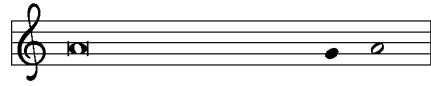
ELW #806

GREETING

P: Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



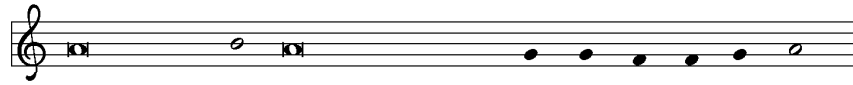
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen *(Please be seated.)*

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:164, 25632

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

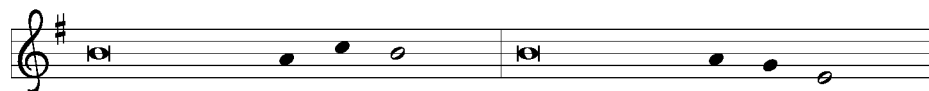
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 25:1-8 *(Sung responsively by whole verse as printed in the bulletin.)*



O LORD, your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my [|] trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph [|] over me.

**²Let none who look to you be¹ put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed¹ in their schemes.**

³Show me your¹ ways, O LORD,*
and teach¹ me your paths.

**⁴Lead me in your¹ truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all¹ the day long. R**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹sion and love,*
for they are from¹ everlasting.

**⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good-¹ness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright¹ is the LORD;*
therefore he teaches sinners¹ in his way.

**⁸He guides the humble in¹ doing right*
and teaches his way¹ to the lowly. R**

SECOND READING Philipians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death \hat{o}
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time the children are invited forward for a message. The nursery is available after the message for children 5 and younger.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW #517

SERMON

***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Assist. Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Respond: hear our prayer.

ORDER FOR PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (Families of children in Grade 2)

Pastor: Today we undertake another important step which aids the continuing growth in faith of baptized children in our congregation. We are pleased to present to the children in Grades 2, a copy of the Holy Bible. I ask them to come forward with their parents at this time.

ACM: The Bible is the source and norm of our faith, the faith in which these children were baptized. Through the written word of Holy Scripture, we learn of God's love and care for us and all creation. We hear the stories of faith ó the story of God's interaction with Adam and Eve; Noah and his family; the patriarchs: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel; Joseph; the people of Israel led by Moses through the wilderness into the promised land; Joshua and the Judges; David and the Kings; the prophets of God who called upon the people to return to God's ways; of Jesus' birth and ministry leading to his death and resurrection for us; the apostles and the growth of the early church; we sing the songs of the Psalms and we grow wise through the Proverbs; we hear of the struggle of good and evil and how God triumphs over evil and will one day restore us and all creation to the beauty and purpose of what God first created. The Bible tells us about God's loving relationship with God's people from the beginning of time and assures us that God cares for all of us now and into the future.

A Reading from Holy Scripture¹³ Then little children were being brought to [Jesus] in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them;

¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. (Matthew 19:13-15)

ACM: A reading from the writings of Martin Luther – "The Bible is a remarkable fountain: The more one draws and drinks of it, the more it stimulates thirst."

Pastor (addressing parents): When you presented your children for Holy Baptism you promised to bring them to the services of God's house, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. You promised that as they grew you would place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.

I ask you to renew your promise and reaffirm your intention to help your children grow in the love and grace of God.

Parents: We reaffirm the promises we made at the baptism of our children. We pray for God's help and guidance in all we do so our children may know and serve the God who loves them.

Pastor: With the support of your brothers and sisters in Christ of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, I invite you to present to your child a copy of the Bible and continue your journey of faith together as you "place in their hands the Holy Scriptures."

Parents present the Bible to the children.

Pastor: Let us pray!

MEAL

OFFERING	(8:15)	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> - arr. Helman ImmanuBells
	(11:00)	<i>Day of Arising</i> - Carl Shalk Senior Choir

(Please sign the worship welcome pad, red binder, in your pew during the offering.)

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* **ELW #184**

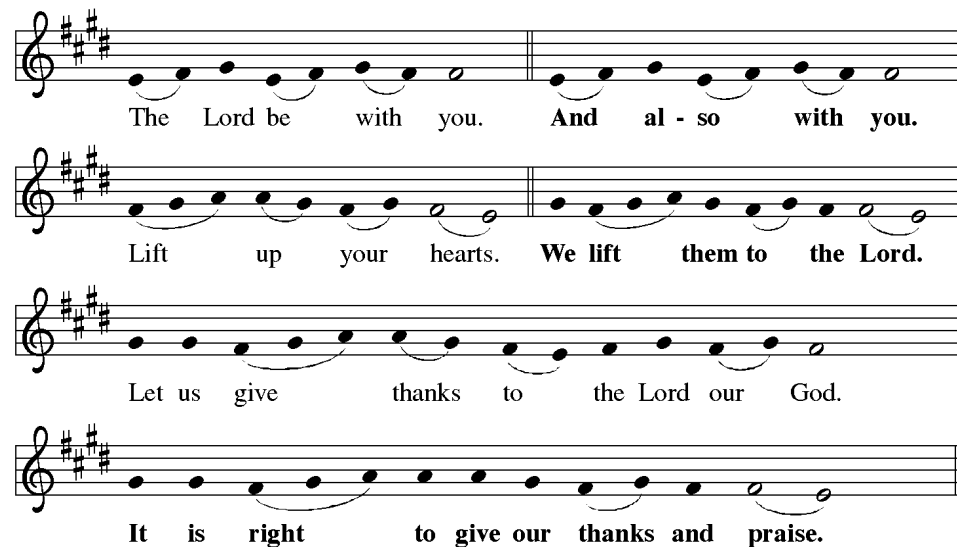
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

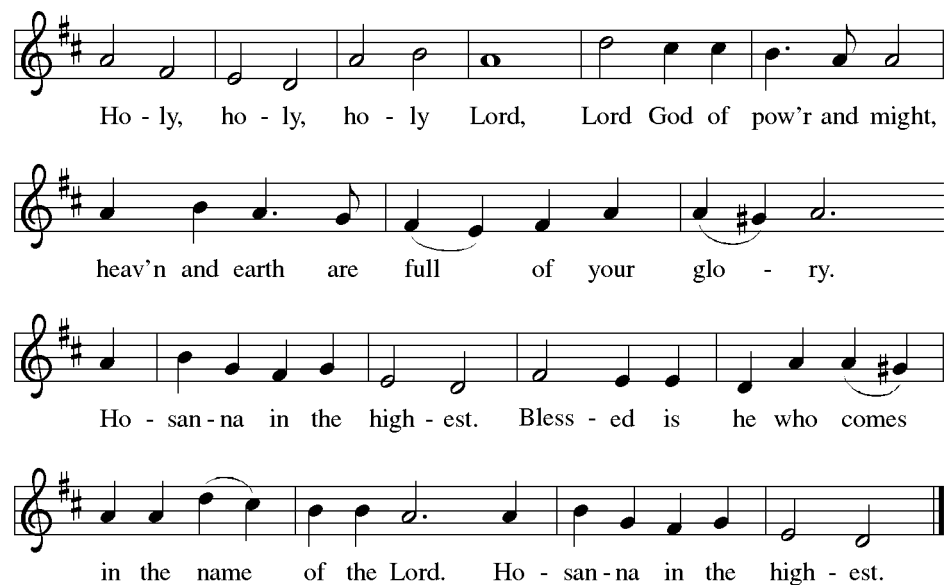
DEDICATION OF QUILTS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

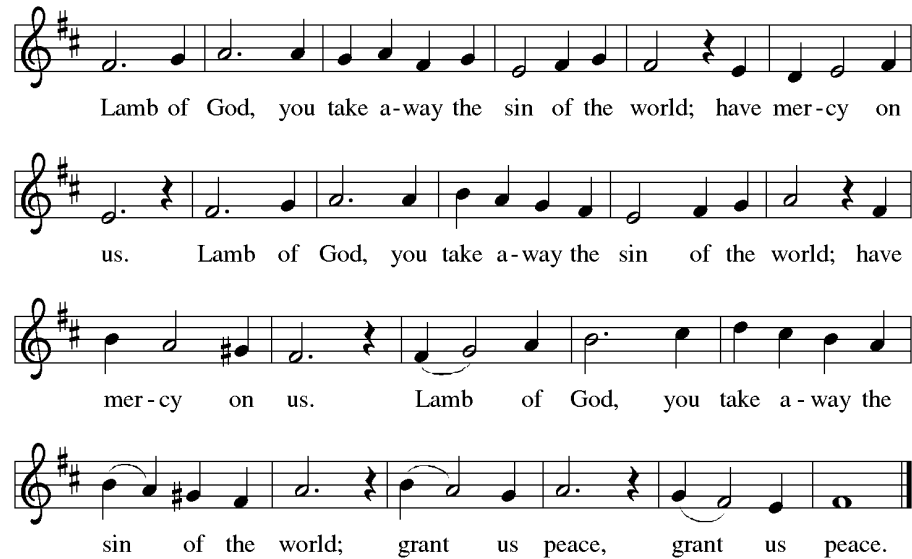
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

P: Come, you that are blessed by God. Come to the banquet. C: **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Ushers will invite the congregation to come to the altar and receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

When Peace Like a River
As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #785

ELW #465

*COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: **Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW #818

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

(8:15) *Thy Holy Wings* - arr. Moglebust

ImmanuBells

(11:00) *Prelude in C Major* - J.S. Bach

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**IMMANUEL PRAYS:** Pastor John Kroschel, Brenda Toal, Bill Saucke, Larry Oakley, Joe Minas, Alice Klapp, Marian Miller and the grieving family and friends of Bill Florey, Ron Fuller, Ken Schrader and Shirley Hills.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (immanev@frontiernet.net or 872-5180). We normally include those requests for two or three weeks in the Prayer of the Church.

**Pastor Paul is on vacation Tuesday, September 27 through Monday, October 3rd.** While he is away pastoral services can be arranged by calling Church Council President Tom Lombardo (347-4618) or the church office (872-5180).

## **Dedication of the Quilts**

Quilts made by the Friday Quilters and In Stitches, laid along the backs of the pews so they could be blessed before delivery. will go to the Veterans Outreach Center in Rochester which houses veterans as they learn a skill, find a job, and reenter society after serving our country. The Quilters try to send 26 quilts twice a year - there is room for 26 men to stay at the Center and they may stay there for up to 6 months (a similar center for women recently opened in Avon).

Although In Stitches no longer meets, the Friday Quilters are busy every Friday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9 - 11:30. We welcome anyone to come and tie quilts with us. If you cannot come Fridays but would like to sew a quilt top, the cut squares for a complete top are in a plastic bin on the upper level of the coat rack when you come into the church. Take one home, design a quilt top, and return it to the bin. And keep the veterans in your prayers as they struggle to put their lives together again.

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Great Stories of the New Testament is the theme for the Monday and Thursday Bible Studies. We read and discuss the wonderful stories of the New Testament. We talk about how God has come to God's people - sometimes in blessing; other times to correct and call to repentance.

The Monday Evening Bible Study meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM. The Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 AM on the first and third Thursdays. Both Bible Studies meet at Immanuel and they are user-friendly!

Here is the schedule for October

October 4 & 6 The birth of Jesus (Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2)

October 17 & 20 The temptations of Jesus (Matthew 4, Luke 4)



Join us for **Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program, chair exercise, blood pressure check and a delicious lunch.

The program schedule is:

Sept. 28 -Witches of Salem See and hear the interesting facts about this topic from Vern Squire in his informative PowerPoint presentation.

Oct. 5 -Share YOUR Collections Bring examples of the fun collections you've enjoyed accumulating over the years. Photos of larger items will be just fine too!

Oct. 12 -Feely Cans and Sniffy Jars- Kate Chamberlin's creative presentation takes blind awareness beyond just identification and into appreciation of a blind person's abilities. Kate's guide dog will accompany her. Kate's slogan: When life rolls you a lemon, make lemonade!

Oct. 19 -Outhouses(Just what you always wanted to know about) Marion Town Historian Carolyn Adriaanson will make you chuckle, but also give very interesting information on the topic of outdoor latrines.

Oct. 26 -Reporting the Weather Local WROC TV weather personality, Scott Hetsko, will make forecasting the weather come alive for us.

Come and join the fun and bring a friend to share it with! Transportation is available by calling the church office (872-5180) by Tuesday at 10:00AM. A \$2 donation for lunch is requested. We look forward to seeing you!

## **CHURCH CALENDAR September 25-October 2**

### Sunday

8:15 am Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Youth Gathering Meeting - For Youth and Parents Grades 8-12  
11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

### Monday

6:45 pm Christian Education Meeting  
7:00 pm Social Ministry Meeting  
8:00 pm AA in Fellowship Hall, Al-Anon in Library, Alateen in Sr. High room,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### Tuesday

6:00 pm 1st Year Confirmation Dinner and Class  
6:30 pm ImmanuBells Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Finance Meeting

### Wednesday

10:00 am Wellness on Wednesdays

### Thursday

### Friday

9:00 am Office Help  
9:00 am Quilting Group

### Saturday

### Sunday

8:15 am Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship



**Sara Wyant and Marshall Crane** were united in marriage on September 24, 2011. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their life together.

## Serving God and God's Church

| September 25, 2011          |                      | Next Sunday, October 2, 2011                                     |                                                             |                                                    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 8:15AM                      |                      | 11:00AM                                                          | 8:15 AM                                                     | 11:00 AM                                           |
| <b>Deacon/Worship Asst.</b> | Deacon Ed Huehn      | Bruce Kulp                                                       | Deacon Dave Reville                                         | Deacon Dave Reville                                |
| <b>Reader</b>               | Carol Galskoy        | Ian Russell                                                      | Lyn Reville                                                 | Ted Ast                                            |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b>  | Kris Maier           | Lori Russell                                                     | No Communion                                                | No Communion                                       |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | Jessica Hewlett      | Jared Russell                                                    | Michael Cawley                                              | Aideen Foster                                      |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | Alyssa Wicks         | Gary Immesoete                                                   | Amy Cawley                                                  | Emily Ruffell                                      |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Jan & Judy Brederson | The Boyatzies Family                                             | Jon & Priscilla Anderson                                    | Lisa Meghann Foster                                |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Ilene Roeger,        | Garry Cannon,<br>Wendy Pryor,<br>Helmut Gunkle,<br>Jeanne Ludwig | Don O'Mara,<br>Maureen Hubbard,<br>Fran Mooney,<br>Ron Nohe | Ilene Roeger,<br>Jeff, Katherine,<br>Claire Foster |
| <b>Nursery</b>              | Carol Dittberner     | Heidi Smith                                                      | Heather Sponable                                            | Marcie Diegert                                     |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Cheryl Davies        | Nancy Witmer                                                     | Linda Saucke                                                | Sheri Williams                                     |
| <b>Counters</b>             |                      |                                                                  |                                                             |                                                    |

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Members of Immanuel                      | Ministers                |
| Paul E. Shoop (Residence 6 585/216-2167) | Pastor                   |
| John F. Beeg                             | Pastor Emeritus          |
| Dave Ekimoff                             |                          |
| Assoc. for Congregational Ministries     |                          |
| Barb Rafferty                            | Administrative Associate |
| Russell Draeger                          | Director of Music        |
| Marguerite Manning                       | Handbell Director        |
| Ron Corey, Jr.                           | Sexton                   |
| Tom Lombardo                             | Congregational President |

Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked the first and third Sunday of each month between services in the library.

Parish Nurse Leslie Schwartz (265-9229) is available for medical questions or concerns.

**Leslie Schwartz is the  
September shepherd.**  
Please contact her (265-9229) if you know of a member in need of help or support.