



# ImmanuelNews

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado



**September 2010**

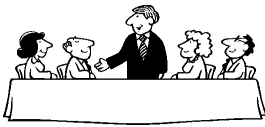
## **Decisions**

As a child I attended the Pentecostal church and then during my early teens I attended the Baptist church. During these times of worship there was always an invitation to come to the front of the altar where one was to express the desire to change and to accept Christ as Lord and Savior. My brother and I always felt that we were being targeted since we usually were the people that were visitors. It was difficult as a child to be around people that felt that one had to express in front of the congregation the need to be 'saved' before one was able to join the congregation. I also attended crusades led by Luis Palau and other people from this country, but I never had the courage to go to the front when the invitation came up. Once in a while my mother and sisters would go to church, but when the invitation came to come forward they never did. Sometimes after church the grown-ups would talk about the invitation. My brother and I would ask my mother whether we were Christians since we considered ourselves members of the Roman Catholic Church. Why didn't our church make the same invitation? The response usually was that there were different paths to becoming a Christian. Some churches emphasize a life-changing conversion experience but we tend to develop our faith in a

more quiet way. I think that we develop our faith more in the model of Timothy, whose mother Eunice and grandmother Lois are described as Christians (2 Timothy 1:5). My mother's words were very reassuring and I have recognized my mother's wisdom in making sure not to put down the churches that we visited. I recognize now the tolerance that my mother had toward other religious groups.

However, we still have to make decisions for Christ every day. In his prayer book "Being a Christian," J. Barrie Shepherd writes: "Today, Lord Jesus I will be given the opportunity to name myself a Christian once again, to decide for you, or against you, in every action, every word I speak, every attitude I represent... In every relationship, at work, in school, on the street, on the road, the choice will be there: to live your life for others or to live my own life for myself. Be with me in all of this day's moments, Father, and grant me that gift without which I cannot survive, the gift of your gracious saving power, working in me, through me, and even despite me, all things together for good." May the Lord guide us to do his will in words and actions every day of our lives! Amen

Peace.  
Pastor Abe



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Summary financial report of building project received
- All purpose room to be used for quilt display, Room at the Inn and small meeting room
- Committee formed to review Immanuel constitution
- Approved electrical work by Erbacher in kitchen
- Approved use of Fellowship Hall by Shani Shirazi for birthday party on August 22nd
- Approved additional week in September for Room at the Inn

### Mark Your Calendars...

There will be a BBQ Celebration for Alice Cooper's 85th birthday on Saturday, October 9th from 11 am—2 pm



### Reflections on Simpler Living

“Simplicity sets us free to receive the provision of God as a gift that is not ours to keep and that can be freely shared with others.”

*from the Celebration of Discipline, by Richard J. Foster)*  
Stewardship

## Thank YOU

Thank you so much for opening your doors to allow us to use your building in July. The Chinese students and their chaperones were greatly blessed by you and the host families they stayed with.

Many blessings,  
Sue Purdue

*Compass USA Program Coordinator*

### Next Committee and Council Meetings:

**When:** Tuesday, September 14th

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall, basement

**Mark this date on your calendar now and join us as we gather to plan and work on activities for Immanuel.**

**The Council will meet following the committee meetings at 7:30 pm.**

Stewardship and Financial Reports will now be distributed with quarterly contribution statements to members.



Labor Day, September 6th at 1:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Host:ess: Shirley Uhrich

Program: Review of Honor Flight from Northern Colorado for World War II Veterans

Since late 2008, almost 600 World War II veterans have been taken at no charge to the nation's capital to see the World War II Memorial and other sites in Washington.

Carl Benson, who went on one of the 2010 flights, will narrate the video presentation.

Please plan to attend.

### PASTORAL RELATIONS & STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 7:00 pm.

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*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone . . . "*  
*1 Timothy 2:1*

ASAP Team (Always Say a Prayer)  
 Our ASAP Team will always meet on the 1st Sunday of the month after worship for a time of prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join.  
 And...if you have any prayer concerns, please call any member of the prayer team. It is our privilege to pray for you.

**PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS:**

- Roma Arithson 330-7984
- Julie Butler 330-5445
- Pastor Abe 352-3003 or 395-0661
- Enrique Llanas 395-0503
- Linda Inselman 506-0305
- Dianna Fuller 356-3829
- Maxine Johnson 330-7063
- Mike Wall 371-4502
- Janet Willis 356-6046



Please join us . . . . .  
**Sewing dates for September** are  
 Tuesday, September 7th and  
 Thursday, September 16th  
 From 9:30 am-1:00 pm

**WELCA  
 Basement Sale**

**Mark your calendars  
 for Saturday, October 2nd**

The Sewing Group will be in charge and any baked food donation or "garage sale" item will be accepted.  
 All proceeds will go to the Church Building Fund  
 ...so start bagging or boxing up those saleable items.

**FLOWERS**

Shirley Uhrich  
**September 2010**



WELCA Board Meeting  
 September 11th @ 9:00 am  
 Love Circle-  
 September 20th @ 7:00 pm  
 Priscilla/Ruth Circle-  
 September 15th @ 1:30 pm  
*Ladies, please call the church office for information regarding meeting times.*



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Social Ministries committee and Pregnancy Resource Center extend a thank you for your generosity in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. We raised \$263.92. Twenty eight of 30 bottles have been returned. We will still accept these bottles and contents and will add them to funds already collected. They may be left on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Scrap Happy Workshop**



The next scheduled workshop will be September 25th in the Fellowship Hall at Immanuel.  
 Contact Amy Herold the Thursday before the scheduled date to reserve your space @ 506-9367 or 978-0870 or herold\_amy@hotmail.com

**September Birthdays**

- 3 Samantha Damgaard
- 4 Jill Broce
- 8 Ryan Connick
- 10 Stan Elmquist  
Christine Schwartz
- 11 Gary Stocker
- 12 Donna Barnhart  
Marge Thompson
- 13 Emily Clausen
- 14 Melanie Hoyland
- 15 Wyatt Schwartz
- 16 Randall Dotson  
Polly Holbrook
- 17 Denny Cunningham  
Joe Kennedy
- 18 Laurel Nelson
- 19 Katie Trevino
- 21 Robert Keyes
- 22 Abigail Herold
- 24 Phyllis Benson
- 25 Jennifer McDaniel
- 26 Jenny Newman
- 28 Lisa Szymczak  
Jack Thompson  
Peter Ulrich
- 30 Cherri Wall

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so that we can update the records.

**September Anniversaries**

- 2 Bob & Sue Morse
- 4 Tim & Marlene Brotemarkle
- 6 Wayne & Jule Alm
- 7 Carl & Phyllis Benson  
Mike & Cherri Wall
- 12 Ron & Cindy Thompson
- 20 Taran & Mellissa Hawkins  
Katie & Joel Trevino
- 21 Buster & Toodie Iverson
- 24 Randy & Marcia Carlson



**THANK YOU!!!**

Thanks to all who provided music at worship services during the summer months.



**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**North Central Weld**  
**CROP Hunger Walk**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration at 8:00 AM**

**Walk starts at 9:00 AM**

in the Immanuel Parking lot area

Donation envelopes are available from Mike Wall, Laurie Llanas or Pastor Abe.

Ask your friends and neighbors to sponsor you and then...

Come have fun and walk for a great cause!

**With your help, we can make a great impact!**

**THANK YOU**



Thank you for giving so generously through the Heifer International online giving catalog. Your gift to Heifer is another opportunity to help a family lift themselves out of poverty and begin a journey toward a brighter future.

When you support a family in need, you are actually helping an entire community. With Heifer's unique cornerstone of Passing on the Gift, each recipient family becomes a donor just like you, by passing on the gift of their animal's first offspring and training to another family in their community.

Your gift keeps on giving - providing a sustainable source of food, income and opportunity to more and more families. It's no exaggeration to say that we couldn't do our work without you! Thank you very much for your support.

**Thank You**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Thank you for your gift to ELCA World Hunger. Gifts like yours fight hunger and its root causes in all 50 states and more than 60 countries worldwide, efficiently and effectively. Thank you.

In Ohio, children who depend on a nutritious lunch at school receive a nutritious lunch during summer vacation. In Chad and Sudan, women in refugee camps and nearby villages are able to fetch clean water from wells close to their homes. In Cambodia, rice farmers marvel at the difference made by a simple water gate that helps them direct water into and out of their fields.

To neighbors near and far who live with hunger and poverty, gifts like yours bring not only help, but hope. Thank you for your faithful generosity. Your gift brings us another step closer to ending hunger in our world.

# In Kind Gifts for the Rocky Mountain Synod Women's Convention

- Assembled health kits for Haiti disaster response.
- A designated offering will be taken for Colorado Youth at Risk.

If you would like to donate completed kits or supplies to make kits, please bring your donation to the church by September 19<sup>th</sup> and place in the basket at the back of the church. If you would like to donate money, either for health kits or for Colorado Youth at Risk, give your gift to Cindy Thompson or Janet Willis by September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Health Kits

- One hand towel (dark color suggested)
- One washcloth (dark color suggested)
- One bath size bar soap in package (4 to 5 oz.)
- One adult sized toothbrush
- One sturdy comb (remove package)
- One metal file or clippers with file attached (remove package)  
(Do not substitute cardboard emery boards)
- Six band-aids, 1/2" to 3/4", secure with rubber band

Do not add or leave out any items. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap smaller items in washcloth; wrap washcloth in hand towel and secure with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose items in plastic bag.

# RALLY DAY

**September 12, 2010**

Invite your family, friends, co-workers, classmates, neighbors, and friends of Immanuel, both old and new, to celebrate the kick off of our new fall worship schedule, to celebrate Immanuel's life in the Lord, to learn about the educational opportunities being offered, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

**9:15-10:15 am Fellowship Time**

**Come to learn about this year's:**

- Study opportunities at Immanuel
- LCM Educational Opportunities
- Class Offerings for all Ages

**10:30 -11:30 am Worship Service**

*(please note change of time)*

**11:30 am Special Activities**

**for Sunday School students**

**(Pizza and drinks provided for Sunday School families)**

Adult Bible Studies  
2010-2011  
Beginning September 19



**1. Good God Questions**

Join us as we address 'Good God Questions'  
with honesty and compassion.

**2. Covenantal Conversations with Jews and Judaism**

Learn about what has been learned from forty years of  
Jewish-Christian dialogue.

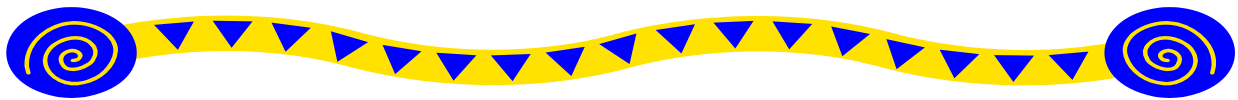
**3. Visions of Promise**

During 5 sessions the following themes will be  
covered: Message of Hope, Portraits of Peace,  
Bringing Good News, On Wings of Eagles, &  
Voice for Justice

**4. Encountering God in Scripture:  
Finding Yourself in the Story of God**

Ten teachers of the church from Luther Seminary help us  
to understand our encounter with the living God.

Please join us at 9:15 am beginning September 19th

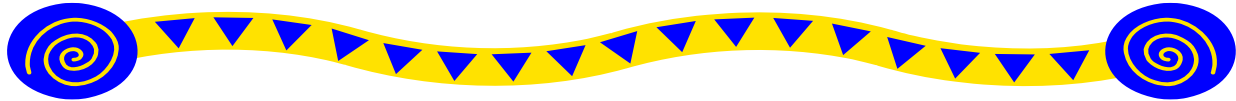


## **Youth Scoop! September 2010 Back to School!**

Hello all! Welcome back for a new school year. Hopefully everyone had a nice summer. We had a busy July at ILC. We had some youth volunteers distribute VBS flyers at the 4th of July parade, then the next week the youth group provided an amazing dinner of sloppy joe's to VBS participants. Just a few days later a group of adventurous pedal pushers got into gear for the Greeley Police Department's Moonlight Ride. A very nice way to spend a summer night. Then, a handful of youth families put an evening meal together for our Room at the Inn guests and last but not least, we took our annual trip to Elitches. We need a rest from summer!

Rally day is coming up Sunday,  
September 12th.

Youth/Parent meeting following  
church on Rally Day Sunday!



### **LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE**

Welcome back to campus!!

There will be a welcome BBQ on Wednesday, August 25th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Lutheran Campus Ministry House, 1844 11th Avenue.

The first gathering of the semester is scheduled for Thursday, September 2nd from 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm with a free meal and Adventure in the Park.

LCM will meet every Thursday from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

### **PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN**

Sgt. Joshua Reimers

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*As information is available, please contact the church office with name and/or address information and where they are stationed.*



# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 am-Worship w/Comn 10:15 am- Fellowship Time ASAP	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Church Offices Closed 1:30 pm-XYZ Th Fellowship Hall	7 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch 7:00 pm-Staff & Executive Committee Mtg.	8 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11 9:00 am-WELCA Board Meeting
12 <b>RALLY DAY</b> 9:15 am-Education Fair -Fellowship Time 10:30 am-St. Thomas Worship 11:30 am-Activities for Sunday School Families	13	14 6:30 pm-Committees 7:30 pm-Council	15 1:30 pm-Priscilla-Ruth Circle 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	16 9:30 am-Sewing & Group Lunch	17	18
		<-----ROOM AT THE INN-----> 5:00 PM-8:00 AM				
19 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship w/communion	20 7:00 pm-Love Circle	21	22 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	23	24	25 <b>CROP WALK</b> 8:00 am-Registration 9:00 am-Walk 10 am-4 pm Scrap Happy Workshop
		<-----ROOM AT THE INN-----> 5:00 PM-8:00 AM				
26 9:15 am-Sunday School -Fellowship Time -Book Study 10:30 am-Worship	27	28	29 7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal Confirmation	30		

# September 2010

# Thanks to our Volunteers!

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Financial Secretary

Linda Sample 352-6528

Time	What	9:00 AM - Communion	RALLY DAY St. Thomas	Communion	
		Sept. 5	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	Sept. 26
10:30 AM	Ushers	Dave Butler	Clay Calkins	Roma Arithson	Ron & Cindy Thompson
				Joan Chapman	Cheryl Clausen
		Gerald Karst	Pat Sickles	David Hoyland	Ann Richardson
		Jeff Butler	Katy Sickles	John Johnson	Jim Thomason
	PA Tech	Gerald Karst	Patrick Sickles	David Hoyland	Ron Thompson
	Greeters	John & Dianna Fuller	Shackley Family	Joan Chapman & Lou Murcek	Jerry & Karen Karst
	Acolyte	Micayla Crespín	Hannah LaVelle	Patrick Alm	Christian Shackley
	Cantor	Janet Willis	Pat Kennedy	Julie Elmquist	Cindy Budde
	Lector	Pete Budde	Enrique Llanas	Kathy Merkel	Kathy Rossman
	Com'n Ass't	Joan Chapman		Kathy Merkel	
Com'n Setup	Katy Sickles		Sandy Budde		
	Roma Arithson		Cindy Thompson		
Tellers	Lou Murcek	Marvin & Connie Deines		Dorothy Larson & Shirley Uhrich	Clarence & Vi Carlson & Janet Crespín
Altar Care	Kathy Merkel	Kathy Merkel		Kathy Merkel	Kathy Merkel
Nursery	Laurie Llanas	Jill Broce		Sarah Hoyland	Pam González
Pew Angel	Ann Richardson	Ann Richardson		Ann Richardson	Ann Richardson
Fellowship Hostess	Shirley Uhrich	Julie Elmquist		Katy Sickles	Enrique Llanas
Flower Sponsors:	Kathy Merkel				

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *PURPOSE STATEMENT*

*IMMANUEL IS CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE  
LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF  
CHRIST; TO PROVIDE A PLACE AND  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND  
FELLOWSHIP; AND TO BE THE SPIRIT OF  
CHRIST IN THE WORLD.*

We welcome and encourage submissions for our newsletter. Please make all submissions in writing. We prefer that the material be submitted in electronic form, if possible. All material is subject to editing for content, clarity and style, as needed. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of every month.

Please forward your submission by mail to 1865 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to [office@immanlutheran.org](mailto:office@immanlutheran.org)

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Return Service Requested

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