

Inside East Immanuel

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Dear Family,

I write this letter on the day of our first spiritual mission planning workshop our council is having with Pr. Amy Odgren. And I can't help but to be excited about what the future has in store for us as we ask the question: What do we need to do to be effective for God? This week I will also be doing some preparations for the Wednesday evening Huddles we will be having this summer. And again, I can't help but to be excited for the conversations and experiences we will share together, as well as the new discoveries we will make as we explore our neighborhood and commit to a simple experiment in joining with God in our neighborhood.

On Sunday, May 1st I preached a sermon based on John 20:19-31. The message spoke on God's dream. I explained how the Gospel reading tells us how the early disciples respond to Jesus' death and resurrection. Their whole world has been turned upside down with Jesus' death, and now they live in fear, cowering behind locked doors. But Jesus appears to them, speaks peace into their fears, blesses them with the Holy Spirit, and sends them out to be a blessing to the world. And they go. They go out into the world, sharing the good news of God's unconditional love and forgiveness with their actions and words. That is exactly what we are called to do. It is our unchanging mission: to equip disciples to share the good news of God's unconditional love and forgiveness with our actions and our words in ways that impact the world around us.

Exactly how we accomplish our mission is unclear right now, but it won't be for much longer. The details are being unraveled through your participation in East Immanuel's mission and ministry as we serve the needs of others. That is why your participation at Huddle on Wednesday evenings this summer is necessary. The sweet spot of our future is to be a community that serves the needs of others and makes a difference in this world in a way that we have not done so before. The younger generations are generally turned off by the institutional church, but are hungry to align with a community that is serving the needs of others and making a difference in this world. What if we can be that community to which the younger generations attach themselves?

I envision a vibrant future for this faith community, one that connects with our history and with the heartbeat of the community that we are called to serve, and to whom we are called to bear witness. I believe that this is God's dream, and so I trust that, just as God provided those first disciples with the Holy Spirit, God will provide all that we need to be about mission and ministry. None of this, however, can happen without your partnership, your passion and your participation. Thus, I ask you to respond in some very specific ways:

First, pray. Pray for our future, for those people God is calling us to reach. Pray that God will reveal how you are being called to become a vital, active part of the journey. Second, worship. Make weekly worship a priority. Worship is the center of our life together, where we celebrate what God is up to in our lives, where we gather to pray, where we discover ourselves remarkably filled in spirit. Third, connect. Small groups are the primary growth environment for any organization. Join in on one of our existing groups, or gather a few people together and begin a new group. Fourth, serve. Find a need and fill it. Connect your passions, your gifts and experience with God's call. No

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Congratulations Graduates!

Our High School Graduates

Lisa Ausen

Lisa will be attending Luther College in Decorah, IA.

Kaitlyn Krueger

Kaitlyn will be attending University of Wisconsin-River Falls for pre-large animal veterinary medicine.

Jared Nelson

Jared will be attending Mayville State University in Mayville, ND and is planning to play football and baseball.

Colten Nustvold

Colten will be attending WITC-New Richmond.

Our College Graduates

Dallas Nustvold

Bachelor in Communication Studies from The University of Minnesota
Dallas will be working in construction this summer and then plans to hike the entire Appalachian Trail as a work project to get him connected in the broadcasting and production industry.

Sam Johnson

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from The University of Minnesota
Bachelor of Science in Physics and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Sam has taken a Systems Engineer position with OakRiver Technology in Oakdale, MN and is going to graduate school part-time.

Ashley Zager

Associates Degree in Electrical Technology from Bismarck State University

Andrew Zager

Registered Nurse Degree from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Andrew is waiting for his nursing license and looking forward to a career in nursing.

Addie Seaman

Doctorate of Physical Therapy from College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN
Addie will be celebrating her marriage to Ashley Holzmann on August 6th and will then be moving to Korea.

The Bible for Dummies

Ninety percent of Americans own a copy of the Bible, and while it's the most widely read book, it's also the least understood. Yet, people have historically turned to religion to deal with tragedy and change. With the right insight, the Bible can be an accessible, helpful guide to life's big questions.

Join Pastor Kathy on Tuesday evenings beginning June 7th at 7 p.m. to discover more about the Bible. We'll meet every Tuesday in June, and if you miss a night or two, that's okay. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy the fellowship!

The Bible for Dummies Schedule:

June 7th—Bible Basics

June 14th—Biblical People We Should Know

June 21st—Biblical Stories We Should Know

June 28th—The Bible and Us

Wednesday Huddle

Do enjoy food, fellowship, and gentle surprises? Then join in on the Wednesday Huddles this summer!

Our first Huddle will be Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. The plan is to gather around a campfire, roast hotdogs and marshmallows, and enjoy some great conversation about living in Amery and its surrounding areas. We'll meet rain or shine (the alternate location is *inside* the church).

Something different will be happening each week. Watch the weekly announcements for the latest Huddle update. Come every week, or come when you can. Bring a friend or come alone. The more the merrier.

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matter how much or little time you have, find a way to help. We will never be more like Jesus than when we are serving. Finally, give. If every family in our congregation would give regularly, even \$10 a week, the difference in your lives and in our life together would be extraordinary. Plus, we would be able to more discretely help individuals in our congregation and community with real financial need.

As I mentioned on May 1st, it is my prayer that, in 2070, some pastor will stand, on our hill, and talk about how East Immanuel is a thriving ministry because we gave ourselves – heart, mind, soul and strength – to God's dream.

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Kathy

WELCA

Kind hearts are the garden, kind words are the roots, kind thoughts are the flowers, kind deeds are the fruits. Oh so many kind hearts have been here at East Immanuel these last two months. Thanks to all of the ladies that worked and those that furnished the food for Millie Spurell's funeral, this was work groups three and four. Thanks to work groups one and two for your kind hearts to work and furnish lunch for Jack Peterson's funeral. This is our ministry to the church's families and friends. These have been two of our long time members. Work groups one and two will be working at the Memorial Day dinner on May 30th. Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th our WELCA will be serving Brats at the brat stand at Dick's IGA in Amery. Stop by and help support this project for us. We are working to make extra money to help pay for the new ceiling we are having put in the kitchen and other work to update our kitchen. May each of you have a safe and happy summer.

Let others share your sunny days, and you will find it true, that others will be glad to share the rainy days with you.

Work Projects at the Church

On Saturday, May 14th there were at least 10 of us who gathered to begin work on a long list of things that ought to be done for the upkeep of our building and grounds. We got a great start, but in order for us to complete the long list of tasks before the summer's end we need *your* help. If you can help with one or more of the tasks listed below, please do so. Talk with Gary Hagen or Arvid Flanum about the gathering of materials needed, and you can get to work when it is convenient for you.

Work Tasks

- Wash Sunday school and gathering area windows
- Paint pillars by front door
- Point up foundation on south side of church
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- Paint block walls of bathrooms and around back (west and north side)
- Paint bathroom vents on south side of bathrooms (they are getting rusty)
- Build up soil level where new water pipe was dug into church (by outside faucet)
- Inspect all wooden sash windows for glazing putty falling off. Replace putty and paint.
- Paint storage shed
- Repair basketball hoops posts, one post has rusted off at ground level. Need to replace posts with something more rust resistant.
- Foam holes in foundation found in furnace room. Can see daylight from inside.
- Replace outside electrical outlet by north Sunday school addition side door
- Replace entire door and side window of south Sunday school addition side door. Use same material covering foundation of new addition.
- Cover foam insulation on Sunday school addition foundation to prevent further damage
- Place landscape rock and border around Sunday school addition foundation for easier mowing
- Paint letters on church sign along Highway 46.
- Paint black cross outside in front of church
- Paint white post holding sign "Founded 1870" in front of church

Moola for Milk Campaign

The Salvation Army is collecting funds to support their milk coupons distributed in the Back Pack Program at area Schools and Local Food Shelves in Polk County. Last year The Salvation Army provided over 20,000 gallons of milk to families in need in our area. This year's effort is especially important due to the increase demand at our Local Food Shelves, with additional students participating in our Back Pack Program and the rising cost of milk.

Funds are being collected during the month of June "Dairy Month" here at East Immanuel. Please consider supporting this valuable program. Because of people like you more children will be able to have milk with their meals.

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WELCA President: Blanche Ausen

Church Council

President: Arvid Flanum
Vice President: Irv Elkin
Secretary: Janet Krueger
Treasurer: Lynn Munson
Financial Secretary: Eric Elkin
Fellowship Deacon: Gloria Feyen
Youth Deacon: Bob Johnson
Education Deacon: Michele Bleskacek
Worship & Music Deacon: Sandy Westlund
Property Deacon: Gary Hagen
Council Member: Brent Elwood
Council Member: Gary Lillie
Council Member: Wayne Peterson

Announcement & Article Deadlines

Items for the bulletin should be submitted no later than 10 a.m. on Thursday each week.

Items for the newsletter should be submitted by the 20th of each month.

Inside East Immanuel is now available on our website. Go to www.eastimmanuel-lutheran.org and check it out!

Also, our monthly newsletter can be emailed to you if you would prefer to receive an electronic copy rather than a paper copy. If you would like it emailed to you as soon as it is published please send an email to the church at eastimmanuel@amerytel.net with "Newsletter Request" as the subject line.

June Servants

Greeters:

Mike Hagen, Elizabeth Lopes & Becky Hagen

Ushers:

Open

Lay Readers:

June 5
12
19
26

Communion Set-up:

Susie Ivey

Communion Assistant:

Eric Elkin

Radio Broadcast:

Jim Ivey

Counters:

Gary Hagen

Acolytes:

June 5 Ondre Bleskacek
12 Brielle Hopkins
19 Colton Link
26 Brandon Johnson

Church Council Minutes May 11, 2011

President Arvid Flanum called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kathy opened with devotion about life, the dash between the beginning and the end and what the dash means for our church's life. A prayer followed this.

Treasurer report was read by Lynn and approved.

Deacon's reports:

Education -- Michele- a presentation was made to Mothers during the worship service on Mother's Day May 8th. Sunday School last day will be on May 22nd.

Worship – Sandy- New Hymnal are all in place. Old hymnals are available for anyone who would like them. Easter service was very well attended. Sunday June 5th summer schedule will begin.

Youth—Bob- Youth meeting will follow the worship service of May 15th for the youth and parents to discuss the youth trip next summer to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering.

Fellowship – Gloria - Easter basket raffle was a big success raising \$175.00, the funds will be going the WELCA basement project.

Trustee Report:

Presented by Arvid.

'Work Day' list was compiled and presented to the council. The list is lengthy and a discussion of the list concluded priorities would need to be decided. Main projects for Saturday May 14th would be to clean the storage shed out and clean the Sunday school rooms. Also discussed was the idea of setting up staging areas for materials and supplies for projects that need to be done, so that anyone can find the supplies and work on a project, when they have the time.

Thank you to Tony Randle for rewiring the speakers and adding a speaker selector to the soundboard for the sound system he donated his time.

Insurance Adjuster has been here to inspect the storm damage to the roof, waiting to hear a response.

Pastor report:

Summer worship schedule begins to Sunday, June 5th church services will at 10:00 am and Saturday services will start June 11th at 5:30 pm.

NEW - Church Huddle group will begin on Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 pm at the church. The purpose of the group will be to bring generations together and to make a connection with other members and our neighbors in the community. Discussions on the church as a building, our location in the community and how we can make connections to our members and neighbors, will be the focus of the huddles. Various activities will be planned for all ages.

Long Range Spiritual Planning group and council members workshop will be on Tuesday May 24 and Thursday May 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the church. Amy Odgren will present a workshop based on the book Living Lutheran.

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation May 19th to May 23rd.

Sunday, May 22nd seminar student Kate Longtin will be here to lead the service.

Sunday June 5th during the worship service our High School graduates will be recognized.

Sandy reported the wood staining and finishing work has been done on the materials for the chapel ceiling. Plans are being made for installing the ceiling in the next couple of weeks.

Altar for the chapel is in the design phase.

WELCA group project for the repairing and remodeling basement was discussed the first project is to replace the ceiling. Trustees will be removing the old ceiling and looking at possibility of moving some water lines that currently are above the kitchen ceiling. A suggestion of installing an exhaust fan system for the kitchen was discussed. Arvid will check into and get quotes.

Men's Group will have a pancake breakfast Saturday, June 4th in the chapel from 8:00 – 10:00 am. The breakfast will be open to the public. Funds raised ½ will go to the youth group and ½ to the Amery food shelf.

Minutes from the meeting were read back. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Attending:

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| Arvid Flanum | Pastor Kathy | Irv Elkin | Gary Lillie |
| Lynn Munson | Eric Elkin | Gloria Feyen | Wayne Peterson |
| Bob Johnson | Michele Bleskacek | Sandy Westlund | Janet Krueger |

East Immanuel Lutheran Church

Financial Report - April 2011

Account Balances as of April 30, 2011

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|------------------------------|---|
| Bremer Checking Account | \$25,535.21 |
| Parsonage Loan Balance | \$25,732.02 Maturity Date 12/5/14 |
| Jerdee Estate Funds | \$26,175.34 |
| Window Fund Cert of Dep | \$9,385.43 Maturity Date 2/26/12 |
| ELCA Loan - Interest Bearing | \$40,000.00 Mission Investment Fund-Maturity Date 2/18/12 |

Committed Funds

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Benevolence Fund | \$1,449.43 |
| Building Fund | \$3,900.65 |
| Cemetary Fund | \$442.21 |
| ELCA Loan Interest Fund | \$3,346.12 |
| Hymnal Fund | -\$12.64 |
| Jorgenson Scholarship Fund | \$122.50 |
| Luther Point Fund | \$25.00 |
| Mission Fund | \$105.00 |
| Non-Designated Memorial Fund | \$5,716.88 |
| Outdoor Chapel Fund | \$2,613.81 |
| Security Fund | \$250.00 |
| Total Committed Funds | \$17,958.96 |

Balance Sheet - April 30, 2011

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|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 21,055.05 |
| Income/Contributions | \$14,597.36 |
| Expenses | \$12,377.82 |
| Ending Balance | 23,274.59 |
| Committed Funds | \$17,958.96 |
| \$ Available for Expenses | \$5,315.63 |

Contributions/Income 2011

| | Mar-11 | Apr-11 |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Tithes/Sunday Envelopes | \$6,974.65 | 7,358.00 |
| Loose/Sunday Offering | \$317.62 | 690.00 |
| Benevolence/Sunday Offering | \$140.00 | 190.00 |
| Mission/Sunday Offering | \$0.00 | 5.00 |
| Radio/Sunday Offering | \$0.00 | 120.00 |
| Building/Sunday Offering | \$10.00 | 0.00 |
| Luther Point/Sunday Offering | \$192.00 | 25.00 |
| Lutheran Social Services - Wednesday Lenten Services | \$292.00 | 225.00 |
| Olson Endowment/General Fund | \$0.00 | 3,299.97 |
| Olson Endowment/Benevolence Fund | \$0.00 | 440.00 |
| Olson Endowment/Building Fund | \$0.00 | 439.99 |
| Olson Endowment/Cemetery Fund | \$0.00 | 220.00 |
| Parsonage Principal Payments/Donation | \$0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Memorial Donation | \$0.00 | 0.00 |
| Flower Reimbursement/Congregation | \$12.50 | 112.50 |
| Miscellaneous Income | \$0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest Income | \$1.19 | 1.04 Bremer Checking Account |
| Sunday School Offering | \$0.00 | 6.86 |
| Hymnal Fund Donations | \$0.00 | 90.00 |
| Utilities Donations | \$0.00 | 95.00 Focus On Energy Rebate |
| Outdoor Chapel Donations | \$5.00 | 279.00 |
| Donations | \$125.00 | 0.00 |
| Total | \$8,069.96 | \$14,597.36 |

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 4th

8-10 a.m.

Adults—\$5

Children (under 12) - \$3

Served in the Outdoor Chapel
By East Immanuel Mens Group

In Case of Rain—breakfast will be served in the church basement

Proceeds will be shared between
Amery Food Shelf and East Immanuel Youth

Expenses 2011

| | Mar-11 | Apr-11 |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Advertising Expenses | \$25.00 | 0.00 |
| BOP-Disability Insurance | \$112.19 | 112.19 Pastor Kathy |
| BOP-Flex Spending Account | \$300.00 | 300.00 Pastor Kathy |
| BOP-Health Insurance | \$970.88 | 970.88 Pastor Kathy |
| BOP-Housing Equity | \$180.42 | 180.42 Pastor Kathy |
| BOP-Pension | \$431.50 | 431.50 Pastor Kathy |
| BOP-Retiree Support | \$30.21 | 30.21 Pastor Kathy |
| BOP-Survivor Benefit | \$43.15 | 43.15 Pastor Kathy |
| Church Office Supplies | \$161.80 | 19.01 Amery Free Press |
| Cleaning Supplies | \$31.95 | 0.00 |
| Conferences & Meetings | \$360.00 | 0.00 |
| Continuing Education | \$0.00 | 0.00 |
| Donations | \$125.00 | 0.00 |
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| Dues & Subscriptions | \$89.95 | 177.42 NW Synod-Annual Support/Devon'zine |
| Educational Materials | \$141.57 | 0.00 |
| Electronic Equipment/Replacement/Repairs | \$0.00 | 544.21 Microphones |
| Employee Mileage | \$0.00 | 255.51 Pastor Kathy |
| Floral Purchases | \$0.00 | 242.50 Uptown Floral-Easter Flowers |
| Fuel - Church | \$911.87 | 574.15 JorGas |
| Fuel - Parsonage | \$304.17 | 240.25 JorGas |
| Garbage Pick-up - Parsonage | \$0.00 | 54.00 Waterman Sanitation |
| Hymnal Purchase | \$2,934.92 | 347.72 Large Print Hymnals/Shipping |
| Insurance-Church Package | \$0.00 | 0.00 |
| Luther Point Annual Dues | \$477.00 | 0.00 Remaining balance \$355 |
| Ministry Expenses | \$0.00 | 82.68 Lenten Decoration |
| Outdoor Chapel Expenses | \$0.00 | 2,158.00 Building Materials |
| Outside Professional Services | \$0.00 | 0.00 |
| Parsonage Loan Payment | \$300.00 | 1,300.00 Reg. pmt plus additional donation |
| Pastor Salary | \$3,090.00 | 3,090.00 Pastor Kathy |
| Social Security/Medicare W/H - Staff | -\$97.16 | 228.73 SS & Medicare-Staff Quarterly Payroll |
| Staff Payroll | \$1,719.50 | 0.00 |
| Postage & Delivery | 0.00 | 44.00 Stamps |
| Repairs and Maintenance | \$79.00 | 191.31 Copier Maint/Parsonage Repairs |
| Shipping Charges | 0.00 | 11.29 Bulletins |
| Telephone - Church | \$27.84 | 27.80 Northwest Communications |
| Telephone - Parsonage | \$85.45 | 85.18 Northwest Communications |
| Utilities - Church | \$177.45 | 174.38 Polk-Burnett |
| Utilities - Parsonage | \$148.58 | 186.04 Polk-Burnett |
| Windows Fund | \$475.00 | 0.00 |
| Worship Supplies | \$12.60 | 95.29 Bulletins |
| WXCE Radio | \$180.00 | 180.00 April Broadcasts |
| Totals | \$13,829.84 | \$12,377.82 |

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June 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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|--|----|--|---|-------------------|--|---|
| | | | 1 7 p.m. Praise Team | 2 2 p.m. WELCA | 3 | 4 8-10 a.m. Men's Group Pancake Feed in Outdoor Chapel |
| 5 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Graduation Recognition | 6 | 7 9 a.m. Quilting 9-11 a.m. Office Hours 7 p.m. Bible for Dummies | 8 7 p.m. Praise Team 7 p.m. Council | 9 | 10 | 11 5:30 p.m. Outdoor Worship |
| 12 10:00 a.m. Worship | 13 | 14 9 a.m. Quilting 9-10 a.m. Office Hours 7 p.m. Bible for Dummies | 15 9 a.m.—noon Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Huddle 7 p.m. Praise Team | 16 | 17 7 p.m. Ladies Night Out @ The Orchard of Baldwin | 18 5:30 p.m. Outdoor Worship |
| 19 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Happy Father's Day | 20 | 21 9 a.m. Quilting 9-11 a.m. Office Hours 7 p.m. Bible for Dummies | 22 9 a.m.—noon Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Huddle 7 p.m. Praise Team | 23 | 24 | 25 5:30 p.m. Outdoor Worship |
| 26 10:00 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Labyrinth Tea Party | 27 | 28 9 a.m. Quilting 9-11 a.m. Office Hours 7 p.m. Bible for Dummies | 29 9 a.m.—noon Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Huddle 7 p.m. Praise Team | 30 | | |

Please Note: We begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 5th with worship being at 10:00 a.m. through Labor Day weekend. Our Saturday evening Outdoor Worship in the chapel begins Saturday, June 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Serenity Home

East Immanuel serves a meal at the Serenity Home on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Your assistance is needed by either providing a meal for about 20 people and/or serving the meal at Serenity Home in Balsam Lake at 5:30 pm. Please sign-up for serving a meal one month. Talk to Pam and Eric Elkin for more information. The sign-up sheet is on the table under the mailboxes.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution takes place in Amery every second and fifth Saturdays of each month. Registration is from 7 am to 9:15 am only. Distribution begins at 9 am. A \$15 donation to help cover cost of the food, its transportation and storage is recommended.

For more information, call 715-268-7390 or email heaven@amerytel.net or visit www.ameryucc.com.

Bringing God's Groceries to All of God's People!!

Mission Statement

A growing community of faith that welcomes all to worship and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in an ever-changing world.

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