



# The Lantern



1500 Old Church Road  
Streamwood, IL 60107

July 2010

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

**Join us for Worship  
on Sunday mornings at  
9AM**

**Stay for coffee and fellowship  
in Volkening Hall immediately  
after worship**

**We Welcome All!**

## July Happenings

Come for a delicious homemade \$4 Dinner on Wednesday nights between 6 PM and 7 PM in Volkening Hall. Menus for this month are listed within this issue.

Prayer Group meets on Monday mornings at 9:30 AM in the library. All welcome!

Join us as we continue our 10 week Bible Study on the *Book of Revelation* on Wednesdays from 7 PM to 8 PM in the West Classroom.

The Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, July 6th and Thursday, July 22nd from 7 PM to 9 PM.

The Widow/Widower's Support Group will meet on Thursday, July 8th and the 22nd from 10 -11 AM in the West Classroom.

The Women's Guild will hold its meeting and picnic on Thursday, July 8th at noon. All women are welcome!

The Finance Team will meet on Thursday, July 8th at 6:30 PM in the library.

A training session on the In Design computer program will be offered by Pastor Tom on Saturday, July 10th from 10 AM to noon. If anyone is interested in learning this software, please feel free to attend.

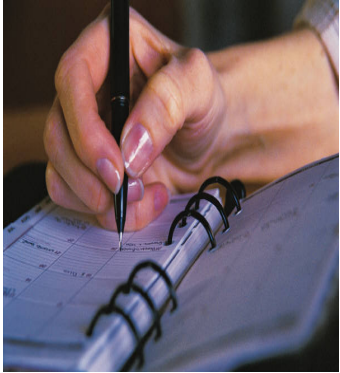
The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, July 13th at 6:30 PM in the West Classroom.

An ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP will be held on Saturday, July 17th beginning at 9 AM. Please come and help if you can!

The Fellowship Focus Group is sponsoring an outing to the Schaumburg Flyer's Baseball Game at Alexian Field located in Schaumburg on Sunday, July 18th. Sign up at the Activity Counter if you plan to attend!

Stamp Camp with Melissa Iwinski will take place on Saturday, July 24th from 10 AM to 1 PM in the West Classroom. Contact Melissa Iwinski if you wish to attend.

Join us on Sunday June 25th as we dedicate our pledges for the remainder of this year and the first half of next. A special coffee hour in honor of this dedication will be held immediately after worship in Volkening Hall. All are invited to attend!



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR THESE UPCOMING AUGUST  
EVENTS...**

August 11th .... Heartland Blood Drive  
here at IUCC

August 20th ....Senior Luncheon/Game  
Day in Volkening Hall

August 28th ....Annual CHICK-N-CHOP  
Fundraiser from 4 PM to  
7 PM

**\*\*\*Attention all IUCC Members\*\*\***

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of a second service for all members of IUCC. Based on the responses from the Appreciative Inquiry Summit, many people were seeking a different form of worship than the traditional service. After several months of discussion and preparation from the Worship Ministry Focus Group, we are happy to announce this new service and would like to extend an invitation to all members of IUCC to this new worship experience.

The purpose of the second service is to be more experiential and hands-on, less performance driven than our current traditional service. It is to be: devotionals, experiential, and be topical or issue driven.

If you have any questions regarding this new worship experience, please see any members from the Worship Ministry Focus Group. If you would like to assist in the planning of this worship, please plan on attending the next Worship Ministry meeting which will be on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM!!!

Dear Friends;

I am writing this on Father's Day (perhaps the secular celebration most neglected in the life of the Church) and, while I am not myself a father, I have had one, known thousands, and have had reason to be grateful to a many. From what I can tell, raising children appears to be something of a blood sport, like wrestling an alligator in a minefield. It is filled with pitfalls, traps, and unforeseen circumstances that can make it challenging and dangerous. It requires agility, commitment, and a degree of on-the-job training found in no other occupation. Both the risks and the rewards are high stakes and I tip my hat to anyone who takes that path in life.

One of the things that make it especially challenging in our current culture is the fact that children appear born with the capacity for contemplating the deepest of things. They throw themselves at the world like junior anthropologists and are not shy about making their observations when the world pushes back. They want to know things, deep, spiritual, mysterious, unknowable things, things that cause a quiver of anxiety in adults. This is, of course, just how children are. What makes this challenging, especially now, is the fact that so very many of us live lives utterly disconnected from the kind of faith communities that were once the natural province of these very questions. In the course of my career in ministry I have had a great many earnest parents come looking for something they can tell their kid who has just asked if God loves earthworms or only people.

For children, the spiritual life begins here with these very practical questions based in their very surprising experiences. By nature we ask, as children, the questions that will plague us, more or less, for the whole of our lives. The unknowable, about which we tell ourselves stories, as a means of whistling in the dark. The most profound theological questions were probably first asked by a child.

Recently, on NPR's Speaking of Faith program, Krista Tippett had as her guest, Rabbi Sandy Sasso. Rabbi Sasso had some marvelous things to say about parenting in the face of such dreaded inquisition. From her conversation with Ms. Tippett I drew two broad perspectives that I thought were at once wise and practical.

## The Text Message

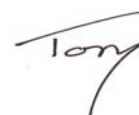
Reflections on Scripture and Church life

Rev. Tom Gough - Interim Pastor

Firstly, do not be afraid of the questions. Kids do not necessarily ask deep questions because they want a specific answer. Often the question itself is a way of wondering out loud if it is alright to think about such things. So there is no reason to stumble over having the right answer, or no answer at all. Perhaps the best thing we can do is hand the question back to them and ask them what they themselves think, or wonder with them (let them help *you* figure out an answer). If we shut them down, either because we are troubled by the question or because we don't believe that the question has merit, we are also beginning to tell them not to use their imaginations to seek solutions to things. If we foist the questions off on the relevant professionals (I once had parents bring me their daughter so that I could explain what happened to the family German Shepherd after the dog was put down) we are suggesting that there are right answers that only some people know. As Rabbi Sasso suggested, children really need our questions as much as they need our answers.

Secondly, as with anything else, you need fuel for the journey. Spirituality is like any other practice, it atrophies in the absence of use. It is no easier to shepherd a child through the theological obstacle course of childhood without some spiritual practice of your own, than it is to coach their Little League team from your Lazy Boy. To read, to understand, to converse with others around the issues of mystery and life, these are the intentions of spiritual community, these are the gifts it offers. If you have children who are beginning to ask potentially profound questions, why not make spiritual community part of your family experience?

With God's blessings,





*Immanuel Family,*

*I want to thank my Immanuel Family for your thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, attending visitation or funeral and hugs during my mother's hospitalization, death and funeral. Your outpouring of Love was amazing. You are truly a family.*

*Rodger McDowall*

*Dear Immanuel Family,*

*Thank you for all your cards, thoughts and prayers for Warren and our family.*

*We love you all!*

*Barbara*

*Dear IUCC Streamwood,*

*I am overwhelmed by the generous gift sent for my Installation and start of this new ministry for IUCC Bartlett and I.*

*I am moved just reading the signed names and wishes! The memories I have of the Streamwood church "family" I hold close and dear.*

*May God continue to bless you and Christ's church. You will not be forgotten.*

*Pastor Susan*

*Dear Pastor Tom, Val and members and friends of Immanuel Streamwood,*

*Thank you for your prayers, support and presence at my Installation on June 6th.*

*For Val to direct and to have your choir sing with ours was more than I could have asked for.*

*Many of you have been a part of my long journey that brought me to Immanuel in Bartlett and I Thank You! You will always have a special place in my heart.*

*Blessings and peace in Christ's name.*

*Pastor Susan*

## Those Who Serve

### Sunday, July 4th

USHERS: LaVerne Ryman  
Three more people needed

GREETERS: **Sanctuary Door**

One person needed

**Hallway Door**

One person needed

**West Door**

One person needed

### Sunday, July 11th

USHERS: Four people needed

GREETERS: **Sanctuary Door**

One person needed

**Hallway Door**

John Levander

**West Door**

One person needed

### Sunday, July 18th

USHERS: Joyce & Wayne Brown  
John Levander and one more person  
needed

GREETERS: **Sanctuary Door**

One person needed

**Hallway Door**

One person needed

**West Door**

One person needed

### Sunday, July 25th

USHERS: Four people needed

GREETERS: **Sanctuary Door**

One person needed

**Hallway Door**

John Levander

**West Door**

One person needed

## Birthdays

3 Tom Morck

5 Jeanette Ryman

6 Brett Kincannon

10 Zachary Kendzy

12 Wayne Brown

13 Mark Lykken

13 Jennifer Morck

26 Chuck Stricker

31 Pam Bruns



## Anniversaries

2 Carolyn & Chuck Stricker

16 Brett & Howard Burton



## Prayer List

### Matthew 18: 19-20

*Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

### We pray for our shut-ins ...

Sue Fasse  
Frances Learn  
Eleanor Madsen  
Hertha Peterson



### We also pray for ...

Barbara Mueller and Family on the death of Barbara's beloved husband Warren  
Betty Fink  
Joan Gebert  
Elmer & Grace Heinrich  
Stan & Clara Arnold  
Minnie Johnson  
Geri Levander  
Nancy Madsen  
Sherry Fascia  
Those who have lost loved ones that they may find comfort & peace

### Memorials Received .....

A monetary gift was received in memory of Ethel McDowall from Nancy & Dave Madsen.

Monetary gifts were received in memory of Rev. Warren Mueller from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Leitner and Rodger McDowall.

### Our Heartfelt Sympathy

A member and friend of our church family, Reverend Warren Marting Mueller, born on October 19, 1937 entered eternal life on Friday, June 4th, 2010.

Warren graduated from Morgan Park High School and then went on to Elmhurst College and then completed his divinity degree at Eden Seminary in St. Louis. His 40-year career in the ministry began at Grace United Church of Christ in Akron, Ohio, spent 25 years as pastor in Princeton, IL at Hampshire Colony Congregational United Church of Christ and 10 years at Bethany United Church of Christ in Chicago where he retired in 2000.

During Warren's retirement, he served Union Church of Hinsdale, IL for one year as associate pastor. Warren and his wife Barbara became residents of Friendship Village and it was from there that they became active members of Immanuel UCC in the summer of 2009.

The congregation and family of Immanuel wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to Barbara and her family on Warren's death. Warren will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May he rest in eternal peace.

## July 2010 HUB Menu

What's on the menu this month?

### Wednesday July 7th



Grilled Italian Sausage  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Dessert and Beverage

### Wednesday July 14th



Chicken Caesar Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert and Beverage

### Wednesday July 21st



Tacos with Fixings  
Mexican Rice  
Dessert and Beverage

### Wednesday July 28th **Food Pantry Night** **Bring a can of food and get** **\$1 off your meal**



Grilled Bratwurst  
American Potato Salad  
German Potato Salad  
Dessert and Beverage

Please RSVP by the morning of the Dinner!

Dear Friends of Immanuel,

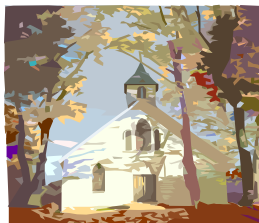
After the unexpected passing of my mother, Ethel, my five siblings and I found ourselves faced with the difficult and emotional task of cleaning out her home of thirty-eight years. As we went through the years of memories, I realized that my mother had never really used many of the things she possessed. Telling herself that it was “for company” or a “special occasion”, she had tucked away years of special gifts and memories that would never see that right moment she had always envisioned.

As Christians, I believe that we too often find ourselves saving both our spiritual and financial gifts for that special occasion – perhaps we’ll volunteer next year, or try to give a bit extra after that promotion at work that we’ve been praying for. The reality, though, is that the “right moment” we’ve been waiting for is now!

As we conclude our Stewardship campaign, I ask you to prayerfully consider taking a close look at what is important in your lives. With the re-focusing of Ministries at Immanuel, I hope you have considered increasing your gifts of Time, Talent and Financial Support. It's not too late to revise your pledge.

Rodger McDowall  
Moderator

## **Building & Grounds (B & G)**



We are in need of painters, gardeners and people to help around the church building. Please contact me if you can give us a hand.

Jay Orlksen  
Coordinator



## **Discipleship Focus Group (DFG)**

Our group met recently on June 12 and we have made plans for even more variety in study subjects. We plan on visiting places of different faiths and hosting speakers from those particular faiths on Wednesday nights, once a month, starting in the fall. Pastor Tom may present his Comparative Religion course material in conjunction. We will continue to focus on scriptural discussions on the other Wednesday nights. Other study topics have been discussed. If anyone has a particular interest, please speak with Pastor Tom.

We are continuing with our study of the book of Revelation. Join us - what you learn may surprise you.

Our book club entry for the month of June was *On That Day, Everybody Ate: One Woman's Story of Hope and Possibility in Haiti* by Margaret Trost. Our discussion group met on Wednesday, June 30 at 5:00 (before HUB). The books have been chosen for further book club discussions as well. There are a number of popular picks which you may have already read. A list of these books can be found at the communication area by the nursery. See Jenny Lee for further details.

Our next Discipleship meeting will be on August 18 at 5:00 pm.

Donna Schmidt

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## **Mission Focus Group**

**(MFG)**

Are you feeling down?



Do you have things going on in your life that feel overwhelming? Is it hard to find someone you feel you can trust to share your troubled thoughts/feelings? There is someone who can listen and offer you support and guidance. Fran McClain is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and, as part of her mission service as a member of IUCC she is available to meet with you, your family or friends you know that may need help. As a licensed clinician Fran is obligated to keep all information shared confidential. Fran has worked in the mental health field for 25 years. She recently began a new position as the Director of Applied Professional Practice at The Chicago School for Professional Psychology. Prior to that she was the Program Director at The Josselyn Center, a small mental health center in Northfield, IL. She was responsible for supervising clinicians and students working with children, adolescent and adults. In addition to supervising she has continued to do clinical work with individuals, couples and families. Sometimes all someone needs is one visit but, depending on someone's need and circumstances, several visits may be appropriate. Fran is also available to provide information and education on mental health issues and community resources. If you are interested Fran can be reached at 630-244-3309.

## **Feed My Sheep Food Pantry Shopping List**

The Missions Focus Group of Immanuel continues to center our efforts on supporting the Hanover Park Food Pantry. The Pantry Staff has been thrilled by our contributions thus far. Through June 13th, we have provided approximately **50 Bushels of Food** to the food pantry. Each week we will continue to focus on different food items, and we ask that you please consider adding the Food Pantry to your shopping list each week and bring the food items to church. A basket will be just outside the Sanctuary Door for food deposits. The needs of the pantry are not limited to the items below – please feel free to donate any non-perishable food item. Please note that the pantry cannot accept any food items past their expiration date.

**June 29-  
July 4, 2010**

Boxed Mashed Potatoes  
Boxed Au Gratin Potatoes  
Boxed Scalloped Potatoes

**July 21-27, 2010**

Canned Fruit  
Apple Sauce  
Fruit Juice

**July 5-11, 2010**

Pancake Mix  
Pancake Syrup

**July 28-**

**August 1, 2010**

Dried Beans  
Rice  
Stuffing Mix

**July 12-18, 2010**

Cereals Hot or Cold

*Please Watch Expiration Dates*

## Worship Focus Ministry

The next meeting of the worship ministry will be held on Sunday, July 11th at 10:30 AM. During this meeting, we will be talking about the traditional service to see how the service is flowing. We will also be discussing more about our second service, which will begin on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see our other announcement in the Lantern for further details. Please plan on attending as all members of the church are welcome!

Please take note of our weekly flower arrangements! As of June 20<sup>th</sup>, Terri Apking and Jenny Lee have graciously offered to design the floral arrangements for the weeks that people have signed up for. At the end of May, the proposal was brought to the Worship Ministry and we agreed that this was a great way to go. If you have signed up for arrangements and have any questions or special requests, please contact them for further information. Thank you again Jenny and Terri!!

While summer vacation may take us away from church every so often, we STILL need volunteers to provide special music, share in some words of faith, read scripture or help as an usher/greeter. Please see members of the worship team or Pastor Tom if you are interested in helping out in any of these areas.

Jennifer Traversa

## Stewardship & Finance Focus Ministry



The due date for Pledge Cards for the remainder of 2010 thru June 30th of 2011 was June 30th. If you were not able to get them in at this time please submit them as soon as possible. Thank You.

Also, we are in need of counters for the Sunday collection during the month of July. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me or LaVerne Ryman.

Al Berkner

Please remember that although the members and friends of Immanuel may take a vacation during the summer months, Immanuel's expenses do not.

It is with your contributions that we keep the doors of Immanuel open and thriving!

Thank you for your support!

## **Immanuel Staff**

Interim Minister: **Rev. Tom Gough**

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Custodian: **Jay Ollriksen**

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A Long Time Fundraiser  
With A Bit of A Change

Every year, for over 40 Years (except for one year), Immanuel has brought together people from near and far to join in a time of food, fellowship and now entertainment! This event, which has been one of our main fundraisers of years past to today was and is still known as the Chick N Chop Fry. It has always consisted of chicken and pork chops grilled on large grills either in the back or on the side of the sanctuary. In time, hamburgers or cheeseburgers and hot dogs were added for the little folk. Home made coleslaw was made by hand by our ladies group of the church. Applesauce, rolls and fresh picked corn on the cob was also a part of the menu for all these years. The dessert was made by the congregation. French fries were served for the majority of the years but in time, German potato salad was substituted one year. That took too much hard work and time to make! So back to the French fries! Over the past many years, we tried our hardest to keep the price nearly the same but as you know as time goes on, things get more expensive.

We find that people are becoming more health conscious and therefore are not eating in the same manner as in “the olden days”. Therefore, keeping these points in mind, we find it is time for a bit of a change to the menu and unfortunately to the cost of the items served!

This year we are changing from the fattening French fries to baked potatoes! Yes, we will be serving them with butter and sour cream on the side but that is your choice whether to add them. The applesauce & coleslaw will still be served as well as the fresh corn on the cob. We couldn't do without that! And for dessert this year, we will have fresh baked Butter Braid slices of pastry. Not only will you have this for dessert but we will also be selling these at the Chick N Chop for those who can't get enough of this delicious pastry. Lemonade, ice tea and coffee will be provided for the beverage. Additional meat, chicken, corn, and pastry will be available at a slight fee.

Now we know change isn't always easy but change can be very good. Our menu this year is better for your health, and will be just as, if not more delicious.

We also have some wonderful professional entertainment coming on that day. Two very talented guitar players will be providing music for the 3 hours of the Chick N Chop. *The Acoustic Playback* have performed at Mill Rose Restaurant each weekend for over the past 10 years. You can come and eat and then just sit and listen and enjoy classic & pop music during the evening.

So add this date to your calendar, Saturday, August 27th from 4 PM to 7 PM and come and enjoy a great evening at Immanuel. Tell all you know about this event. Your help in advertising is important! The menu can be found on the following page.

As in the last few years, donations and items to help defer costs of this fundraiser will greatly be appreciated. For a list of items needed please check the activity counter by the nursery or contact Bonnie Berkner in the church office. Expect a great evening on August 27th because that it will be!!!

We will also have a Cookie Walk during the Chick N Chop. Sign up sheets for bakers and for the various helpers needed for the event, will be posted by the end of July.

Remember also, although this event is a great time of fellowship, especially a time to get together with people who perhaps were previous members of our church, it is one of our main fundraisers. We therefore, are forced to raise prices.

**Chick-N-Chop**  
With  
**A Cookie Walk**  
&  
**Entertainment by**  
**The Acoustic Playback**  
Two very talented guitar  
players

will entertain us w/pop and  
classical music

**Saturday, August 28th, 2010**



Immanuel United Church of Christ  
1500 Old Church Road  
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For Tickets Call: 630-837-0190

**Chick-N-Chop from 4:00 - 7:00 pm**

Dinner \$11.00 choice of either: 1/4 chicken,  
1 pork chop or 1 hamburger with  
Corn on the Cob, Applesauce, Cole Slaw,  
Roll w/ Butter, Drink, and Dessert  
Kids Meal \$3.00: Hot Dog with bag of Chips

**Cookie Walk** until Cookies Run Out!

