

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1400 North Texas Blvd, Alice, Texas 78332

9:00 A.M. Traditional Worship - Broadcast live on radio station KOPY 1070 AM

10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages - 11:10 A.M. Contemporary Worship

Website: [www.ILCFamily.org](http://www.ILCFamily.org) Email: [ilc@ilcfamily.org](mailto:ilc@ilcfamily.org)

The Rev. Kathleen G. Kasper, Pastor

Glad Tidings - July 2010

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*Know Christ*

*Live Christ*

*Share Christ*

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June 22, 2010

Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel:

We had a disappointing outcome to the June 13<sup>th</sup> vote to leave the ELCA. The vote had to be disqualified! Though much care was taken to insure that only those eligible to vote received a ballot to vote on the resolution, somehow 10 extra votes were cast. It is unknown how this happened. It is unlikely that 10 people did not register but somehow received a ballot. It is also just as unlikely that 10 people received two ballots and voted twice rather than only once. Regardless of what the reason was behind the discrepancy, the vote had to be nullified.

**Through Council action on June 21, 2010, a Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held:**

- **July 18 following a 10:00 a.m. worship service.**
- **Please note: One worship service on July 18.**
- **Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m.**
- **The resolution up for consideration is:**

**Be it resolved, that Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice, Texas end its affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

- **Voting "For" this resolution is a vote to LEAVE the ELCA**
- **Voting "Against" this resolution is a vote to STAY in the ELCA**

Due to the nature of Called Special Congregational Meetings, the only debate allowed while the Special Meeting is in Order is on the resolution which is before the congregation. There can be no debate on any other topic.

Everyone is encouraged to read and study the materials available to you. **Every effort has been made by the Council and Pastor Kathleen to be sure that the information is absolutely accurate.**

Everyone is also encouraged to be seeking the Lord before this Special Meeting. The Person with the greatest and best answers to all of our questions and concerns is the Holy Spirit.

Serving Jesus among you,  
Pastor Kathleen Kasper  
Sheryl Wallgren, Council President

## Chapter 8: MEMBERSHIP

**C8.01.** Members of this congregation shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this congregation at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.

**C8.02.** Members shall be classified as follows:

- a. Baptized members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.
- b. Confirmed members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.
- c. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall be of legal age and majority and shall have communed and made a contribution of record\* during the current or preceding year.
- d. Associate members are persons holding membership in other Christian congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation. They have all the privileges and duties of membership except voting rights and eligibility for elected offices or membership on the Congregation Council of this congregation.

### **B3.03. ADMISSION TO VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

a. The Church Council shall be responsible for determining the voting membership in accordance with the qualifications specified in the constitution and Bylaws. Any doubtful cases shall be decided by the congregation.

### **B3.04. DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP, INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP**

a. Members who move away shall be encouraged to transfer. Any confirmed member in good standing desiring to change his/her membership to another Lutheran Church shall, upon request, be entitled to a letter of transfer.

**b. Any confirmed member who in the judgement of the church council shows no interest in attending church services, or fails to partake of Communion and fails to contribute to the congregational treasury according to the congregations records\*, for a period of two years, shall be presumed no longer to desire membership, shall lose the right to vote, and shall not be counted in the membership statistics of the congregation.** However, his/her name and record shall be kept in the files. Such a person shall be encouraged to participate in the congregational life, or to transfer elsewhere, as the situation may indicate to be advisable. If, he/she resumes activity he/she shall be restored to the active membership list; if not, he/she shall be removed from the active membership list and placed on a responsibility list and notified accordingly, where possible.

c. Members who cannot maintain active membership because they no longer reside in the area but wish to maintain their membership in ILC shall be placed on a Non-resident list until they are transferred, die or re-establish active participation.

d. Members who have been excommunicated, dismissed, or who have resigned and members who have transferred to other Lutheran Congregations or who are definitely known to have become members of other congregations, without transfer, shall thereby be presumed to have terminated their membership in the congregation and all rights appertaining thereto.

\* **“contribute to the congregational treasury according to the congregations records”** means that **once every two years** every confirmed, communing, age-eligible member of this congregation needs to put an offering **of any size** into an offering envelope WITH THEIR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE. Once this obligation is met, then, anonymous donations of cash can be contributed to the general treasury. Please know that one penny meets this qualification for two years. However, coins can escape our offering envelopes. \$1.00 recorded every two years is still very little to maintain one’s eligibility to vote.

## Why Leave the ELCA?

Over the last 95 years, Immanuel has been affiliated with five different Lutheran denominations, synods, and districts. Immanuel has been affiliated with The First Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, Texas District, The Iowa Synod, American Lutheran Church, The American Lutheran Church, and the ELCA.

Lacking strong Christian leadership and clear direction, the ELCA has decreased in size by 654,161 members or 12.37% in 20 years. Many in the ELCA believe that a growing disregard for scriptural authority in matters of faith and life is a core problem with the ELCA. The groups Lutheran CORE and WordAlone have tried to reform the ELCA from within, but without success.

Prior to joining the ELCA, Immanuel was affiliated with the ALC. The ALC was a congregationally based denomination having district presidents rather than bishops. The ALC also had a great respect for the authority of Scripture. The ELCA, though its Constitution reads in C2.03. **“This church accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life,”** has not allowed the inspired Word of God to be the final authority in its proclamation, faith, and life. Social issues have been allowed to trump the clear Word of God, “pluralism” (*meaning: Jesus is not the only way to eternal life, but that there are many ways to God*) is rampant, and Jews don’t need Jesus are just a few of the ways the ELCA has drifted away from the clear teaching of God’s Word.

In the ELCA, congregations have a voice and vote at the synodical level but not at the Churchwide level. In the ELCA, voting members, elected at the synodical level to go to the Churchwide Assemblies, determine the direction of the denomination for everyone in the ELCA. The decisions made at Churchwide do not go back to the synods or congregations for ratification. The distinct nature of ELCA “voting members” was written into the constitution of the ELCA at its inception and has proven to be a stumbling block to this denomination in both the ‘Call to Common Mission’ in 1999 (a vote to embrace more church hierarchy and the historic episcopacy) and most recently with the decision to move toward the ordination of non-celibate lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in 2009.

In their April 10, 2010 meeting, the Church Council of the ELCA overwhelming approved revisions of the ministry policy documents. Their decisions were effective immediately (News Release: ELCA News Service, April 11, 2010). Immediately following their decision to approve the revisions, “the ELCA Church Council approved an expedited process to receive LGBT pastors removed from the ELCA for violating the ELCA’s previous teaching and policy. The council also approved a liturgical rite to receive 17 persons who were ordained in recent years in controversial ordination services held in defiance of the ELCA’s standards for pastors and the ELCA constitution” (CORE Connection April 2010 Newsletter). The specific website address is:

<http://www.lutherancore.org/pdf/Connection-Apr-10.pdf>

No denomination is perfect because people are not perfect. This is obvious. The question before us is: With whom will we associate? Will we associate with the ELCA, a denomination which blatantly ignores the clear teaching of God’s Word, or will we freely choose to end our association with the ELCA in order to seek out a Lutheran denomination which is more closely aligned with Scripture? **Please be in prayer as we prepare to vote in July on the resolution before us.**

*Pastor Kathleen*

# Parish Announcements

No, my dear man, do not recommend to me peace and unity when thereby God's Word is lost, for then eternal life and everything else would be lost. In this matter there can be no yielding nor giving way, no, not for love of you or any other person, but everything must yield to the Word, whether it be friend or foe. The Word was given unto us for eternal life and not to further outward peace and unity. The Word and doctrine will create Christian unity or fellowship. Where they reign all else will follow. Where they are not, no concord will ever abide. Therefore do not talk to me about love and friendship, if that means breaking with the Word....

- By Martin Luther, 1531 (WA 3411-387).

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

## July 18, 2010 - Special Called Congregational Meeting

### Only Agenda Item:

Be it resolved, that Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice, Texas end its affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

(Please Note: **One worship service at 10:00 a.m. on July 18** -- see pages 1-3 in this newsletter for more information)

## August 1, 2010 - Quarterly Congregational Meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Election of Officers & Committee Chairs

Vote on Budget

(Please Note: Sunday schedule of 9:00 and 11:10 a.m. worship services will be followed)

## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Nicole Bowen is happy to announce the birth of her daughter, Myla Lorraine Bowen, Tuesday, June 9, 2010, at Bay Area Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas. Myla weighed 5 lbs, 7 oz, and was 18 in. long. Grandparents are Sandra and Bruce Bowen; great grandparents are Robert Maldonado, the late Lorraine Maldonado; Ginger Bowen; the late Norberto Bowen; and Diamantina Alviar.

## **ALICE FOOD PANTRY**

A call has gone out to local congregations because of the **DESPERATE NEED** for the following items: **Canned Green Beans; Peas; and Corn.** Also needed: **Dry Pinto Beans.** If you have **Excess Garden Vegetables**, please donate those to the Alice Food Pantry. Contact Deborah Dohoney about fresh vegetables.

Items always needed: oatmeal (18oz), canned meats; canned fruit; baby food; boxed cereal; bar soap and toilet tissue. Non-perishable items may be placed in the tub at the back of the church.

**Note:** Please check items to be sure food has not passed its expiration date.

" . . . if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. " 2 Chronicles 7:14

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Sunday, July 4, the Flag Committee will post the flags around the church.

**All are welcome to help!** Please be at the parish hall a little before 7:00 a.m. Flags will be taken down and stored at 6:00 p.m.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION . . . CHILDREN

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL -- 10:10 A.M. (9:00 a.m. on July 18)**  
**Combined Class - All Grades**  
**Meet in Mrs. Jochen's or Mrs. Menking's classroom**

### **DAY CAMP was a HUGE SUCCESS!**

Sixty-seven great kids had a really good time learning about Jesus through Bible study, games, songs, fun and prayer. **Thank you to everyone who helped by donating time, snacks, lunches, dinners, housing and monetary donations.** (You know who you are!) A **Big Thank You** goes out to **James and Gracie Barrett** for housing all the counselors. **Special Thanks to Gale Keen, Gaynell Franki, the kitchen volunteers, youth helpers and the Cross Trails Ministry camp counselors** for their great leadership in conducting this year's Day Camp. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the **MEN IN MISSION** of Immanuel for providing the funding for Day Camp through their annual spaghetti dinner fund-raiser.

## **Immanuel Lutheran completes Bible camp**

Four-day camp had counselors from abroad

**By Anthony Ruiz**  
**Alice Echo-News Journal**

Published: Friday, June 11, 2010 2:54 PM CDT

Immanuel Lutheran Church concluded its four-day summer Bible camp Thursday, during which children came together for games and worship. The program is part of the Cross Trails Ministry, a year-round camp and retreat ministry located at the Lutheran Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville and Ebert Ranch Camp in Harper.

"It's been a lot of fun," local coordinator Gale Keen said.

The camp ran from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. beginning Monday and lasting through Thursday this week. Eight counselors from Cross Trails Ministry led the more than 70 campers who attended.

"We also have 12 helpers who were former campers that are assisting the counselors," Keen said. Some of the helpers attended the camp since they were in kindergarten.

Two of the counselors traveled far to participate with the Cross Trails Ministry summer camping program.

"My church works with ELCA here in the USA so they just sent me here," counselor Ewelina Podzorska said. Ewelina came to Alice from Poland.

Friday Mwanza, a native of Zambia in the southern part of Africa, said they will be traveling around South Texas for the summer camps. The two counselors have been in Alice since Sunday staying with a host.

"This is our first stop," he said.

Friday said they aren't told where they will go to next, but he will be with the program through Aug. 18, nine more camps.

Campers began each day with opening worship, followed by family Bible study. They then enjoyed a snack before rotating between various activities such as games, arts and crafts, music, nature activities and puppets.

"(The campers) keep us very busy," Friday said. "Yesterday, we had a water day where we were outside playing games with water."

"We had water balloons and stuff like that," Ewelina said. "They really enjoyed it. We did, too."

Following the day's activities, the campers met in the church about 3 p.m. to sing songs and for closing worship.

# PRAYER

## **PRAYER CHOIR (Intercessory Prayer)**

The group meets Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m. in the Conference Room; all are welcome.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

If you or a family member is ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care, please notify the church office (361-664-6691), or Pastor Kathleen Kasper (361-664-3905).

## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

We pray especially for: Douglas & Robbie; Kailyn; Sandy; Sylvia; Nat; Joey; Oleta; Pat; Jeanean; Marisol; Vivian; Isabel; Cecil; Aurora; Rachel; Matthew; Eli; Taryn, Nick, Lily; Barbara; Camren; Ryan; Greg; Art; Gail; Orville; Karen; Allissa; Vivian; Ramiro; Elizabeth; Bill; Heather; LaJuan; Clarence; Isabel; Virginia; Imelda; Sammy; Linda; Lilly Ann; Tootsie; Diane; Leroy; Mary; Ricardo; Crystal; Emma; Cathy; Debbie; Mary; Nelva; Russell; Marie; Tom; Duane; Caylee; Colin; Florence; Manuel; Mae; Beatrice; Eric; Allen; Mauro; Glenn; Delma; Heather; Billy; Mario; Carey; Amy; Adam; Addison; Ciara, Dawn, Mark, Michelle; Mark; Ramon; Lydia; Ottalie; Les/Bea; Marissa, Bianca; George; Jennie; Frank; the workers involved in the rig explosion, their families, the repair and clean up crews. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

## **MILITARY PRAYER LIST:**

We pray for our nation, its leaders, and all the men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We pray especially for Lee Brasher; Clint Barrett; Heather Carter; Clinton Hammock; Sherry Sutherland Brown; Kurt O. Koenig; Michelle Richardson; Scott Dougherty; William Fullington; Steve Snyder; Domingo Benavides; J.C. Tiller; Gary Weber, Jr.; Brett Williams; Evan Elliot; Jonathan Birnbaum; Noel Cantu; Robert Fox; Caton Hammock; Jonathan McGowan; Ryder Yocum; Charles D. Nesloney; Justin Hunter; Kevin Harrington; Clint Alanis; Toney McDowell; Jimmy Hebert; Adam Owens; Britt Buegeler; Jennifer Barrett Farmer; Robbie Farmer; Kevin Brown; and Tony Perez. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Abba God, we thank you for how you continue to protect our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. We continue to pray for their protection. Today, we thank you for the safe return of Nicholas Westbrook. We thank you for all of the men and women who have returned home safely. For all those who have come home with injuries, we ask that you restore their bodies and their emotions. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## **OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:**

Art and Linda Weisenberger at the death of their daughter, Carolyn Congers, on May 20, 2010 in Idaho.

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Lutheran Book of Worship p. 42)

## **A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer p. 823)

**ILCW NOTES**  
**(Immanuel Lutheran Church Women)**

**“Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.”** (Psalms 37:7)

**JULY BIBLE STUDY: “WAITING WITH PATIENCE AND HOPE”** — “This second session gives the opportunity to look at waiting from a biblical perspective and try to discern the relationship between waiting and prayer. While waiting may be difficult for some of us, Scripture encourages waiting as one of the most important spiritual practices. Time and time again, we are urged to wait upon God.” [LWT] Hymn: “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”. Please check the calendar as some circles do not meet in July.

**“AS GOOD AS HIS WORD”** is the July topic for the Lydia Circle, from the Women of Faith Study Series.

**LUTHERAN WOMAN TODAY—PRAY ALWAYS—** “Jesus expects his disciples to pray. We pray so we might connect with God through speaking.” “PRAYING in Song” tells how music can take us deep within ourselves and bring us closer to God. Music, especially song, is often the most lasting memory in our minds and hearts. Song is recognized by elderly who may not recognize the family or care for themselves. Song pulls us together, as we become more deeply attuned to the One who is always present, in suffering and in joy, and who waits for us inside the song. In “Speaking with God: Conversation Tools,” we explore ways we can listen as well as speak to God, so our whole lives may be lived in constant prayer. Great magazine!!!

**2010—2011 BIBLE STUDY— “THE PEOPLE of GOD: UNITY in the MIDST of DIVERSITY”**— The authors introduce their study and explain why they chose these subjects. The study looks at what unites us and defines us as people of faith. Amos 3:3 is the theme verse: “Can two walk together except they be agreed?”

To order the LWT call 800-328-4648 — 12 months in 10 issues — \$12!

NO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this summer. . .

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**Change a Life at Bokenkamp**  
**19th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon**  
**Saturday, September 25, 2010**  
**Omni Bayfront Hotel**

Bokenkamp Children’s Shelter in Corpus Christi provides a safe environment for unaccompanied refugee children from infancy to 17 years of age. Bokenkamp has provided a place of help, healing and hope for thousands of children while their future is being determined. In 2009 Bokenkamp served approximately 400 children.

If you would like to be a sponsor of this event to support the Bokenkamp Children’s Shelter, please contact Sarah Hill at (361) 994-1214 ext. 346. For more information about Bokenkamp or to register online as a sponsor, check out [www.bokenkampchildrenscenter.org](http://www.bokenkampchildrenscenter.org).

**Thank you** to the congregation for your kindness and the generous gift card for my 20th anniversary at Immanuel. It is a blessing to serve Our Lord with you. Helen Grant

**A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION**

Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Lutheran Book of Worship p. 40)

## ALTAR GUILD

### ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:

Nettie Cornelius - In honor of family birthdays in July.

### COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

July 4 - Dana and Steve Maresch - In honor of our soldiers and veterans.

July 18 - Open (call the office, 664-6691, to sign up)

### ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS:

July 4 - Wolle Huff - In honor of nephew, Lee Brasher, and all other military personnel serving our country.

July 11 - Melanie and Dustin Buegeler - In honor of their 10th wedding anniversary.

July 18 - Cindy and Willie Gonzales - In honor of Cindy's birthday; and their wedding anniversary.

July 25 - Waldean and Kenneth Richter - In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, July 24.

### BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Darwin Fuhrken

7/3 Ty Lindquist

7/4 Bruce Bowen

7/7 Dustin Brasher

7/7 Dylan Brasher

7/7 Rene Garza, III

7/9 Dalton Hulsey

7/10 Kurt Brandt

7/10 Penny Gordon

7/10 Courtney Shipp

7/11 Sylvia Fuhrken

7/13 Noel Schuette

7/14 Mary Jochen

7/15 Carolyn Swisher

7/15 Jackie Zepeda

7/16 Joshua Cornelius

7/16 Daniel Koerth

7/17 Kody Correa

7/17 Cindy Gonzales

7/17 Benjamin Martin

7/18 Brad Titzman

7/19 Simon Alviar

7/20 Lyle Richter

7/21 Toney McDowell

7/22 Bill Botard

7/22 Renee Brown-Baker

7/22 Stephanie Fling

7/24 Cristina Soliz

7/25 James Barrett

7/25 Linda Benson

7/26 Nicholas Schulte

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Judy Buegeler

7/8 Heather Hodges

7/8 Vestine Schroeder

7/9 Oda Buegeler

7/12 Dennis Huff

7/12 J.W. Swisher

7/13 Nicholas Schulte

7/14 Kade Currie

7/15 Dylan Brown

7/15 Megan Calvez

7/15 Herrell Elsik

7/17 Heidi Braucksieker

7/18 Amanda Harris

7/20 Sydney Fling

7/22 Sylvia Fuhrken

7/22 Elaine Young

7/24 Pr Kathleen Kasper

7/24 Gale Keen

7/30 Cindy Gonzales

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/10 Waldyne Nesloney

7/11 Jason/Amy Calvez

7/12 Chuck/Karen Crawford

7/16 Bert/Laurie Buegeler

7/17 Richard Martinez

7/17 Leroy/Cathy Richter

7/19 Allan/Jeri Schulte

7/22 Dustin/Melanie Buegeler

7/24 Kenneth/Waldean Richter

7/27 Willie/Cindy Gonzales

### OFFICE HOURS

The church office is closed on Wednesdays (all day) and Friday afternoons for staff work time. You may call and leave a message—phone messages will be checked frequently.

In Case of Emergency, Contact :

#### Minister

Pastor Kathleen Kasper

361-664-6691

361-664-3905

#### Congregational President

Sheryl Wallgren

361-664-4733

Immanuel Lutheran Members,

Thank you so much for having a Day Camp this summer and for letting us use your facilities. We always feel so welcome when we come to Alice. It is so wonderful that you had so many kids to minister to this year! God is working in so many wonderful ways in your congregation. We hope to see you again next summer!

In Christ,

Day Camp Counselors:

Kiesha, Ewelina, Friday, Megan, Amanda, Courtney, Leticia, Megan

Property & Grounds Committee  
July Newsletter Article

As we enter the summer months and work toward September when a new council accepts its role as leaders of our congregation, we on the Property and Grounds Committee would like to take a few minutes and share with you what we envision for our committee and this congregation in the area of repairs and maintenance of our church property.

At our May meeting we decided, as a committee, to separate the responsibilities assigned to us into coordinator positions. The coordinator positions are as follows: Allan Schulte - Chairperson and Council representative, Roy Osterloh - Custodial Coordinator, Melvin Menzel - Building and Grounds Maintenance Coordinator, and Brian Menking - Contracts and Documents Coordinator. Each coordinator has a job description with specific areas they are responsible for. Let's take a brief look at what each of these coordinators are responsible for.

**Chairperson and Council Representative - Allan Schulte**

Allan is the chairperson of this committee and oversees all the functions of this committee. He is also the committee's church council representative elected by the congregation.

**Custodial Coordinator - Roy Osterloh**

Roy oversees the custodial services for our church. He schedules the duties of the custodial staff and with consultation of the other coordinators sees that the quality of the work being performed is satisfactory.

**Building and Grounds Maintenance Coordinator - Melvin Menzel**

Melvin oversees the general repair and maintenance of our property, both buildings and equipment, and sees that repairs and maintenance are done in a timely manner. In consultation with the other committee coordinators, sees to securing volunteer help, service contractors, or specific trade contractors to perform maintenance or repairs as needed.

**Documents and Contracts Coordinator - Brian Menking**

Brian oversees church documents such as insurance policies, contractor contracts, etc., along with keeping records of the committees meetings and work logs.

We as a committee are excited about the challenges we have ahead of us, however, we will need your help as a congregation and here is how you can help. Let us give you a couple of examples.

If you see something that needs repair such as a water leak, A.C. not working, roof leak, etc., contact Allan Schulte or Melvin Menzel (Building and Grounds Maintenance Coordinator) they will take the appropriate action to get repairs done.

If you require custodial help such as setting up tables for a special event or observe a task not being done properly or see something that needs to be cleaned and etc., contact Allan Schulte or Roy Osterloh (Custodial Coordinator). This will help us streamline the custodian's work and hopefully increase efficiency.

If you have a concern about insurance or any related documents, contact Allan Schulte or Brian Menking (Documents and Contracts Coordinator).

We look forward to beginning an organized plan to bring our church back into good repair and with your help, we can accomplish this. After all, this **IS** God's house and out of honor and love, we should be excited as well, and humbled to see that His house is in the best repair possible. May God bless this congregation and the work of this committee. Thanks in advance for all your prayers and help.

The Property and Grounds Committee

## CHURCH COUNCIL

<p><b><u>Executive Board Mtg</u></b>  <b>Tuesday, July 6, 2010</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Conference Rm</b></p>	<p><b>Council Reports/Agenda</b>  <b>All Newsletter Information</b>  <u>Always Due 2nd Monday of</u>  <b>each month</b></p>	<p><b><u>Church Council Mtg</u></b>  <b>Monday, July 19, 2010</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. Conference Rm</b></p>
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July 18, 2010 - Special Called Congregational Meeting (after 10:00 a.m. Worship)  
August 1, 2010 - Quarterly Congregational Meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**Council Officers**

President / Sheryl Wallgren  
 Vice President  
 Secretary / Sylvia Work  
 Treasurer / Melba Andersen

**Standing Committees**

Education / Gale Keen  
 Evangelism / Glenda Schneider  
 Fellowship / Gaynell Franki  
 Prop/Grds / Allan Schulte  
 Social Concerns / Deborah Dohoney  
 Stewardship  
 Worship / Mardella Laskowski  
 Youth / Crystal Moscot

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

May 17, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Sheryl Wallgren; Prayer: Pastor Kathleen Kasper;  
 Minutes of April 12, 2010 meeting — Motion by Allan Schulte, second by Melba Andersen, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: file for audit; Pastor's Report:

Standing Committee Reports:

- Statistical Report: Report filed
- Education: No report filed      Gale Keen
- Evangelism: Report filed      Glenda Schneider
- Fellowship: No report filed      Gaynell Franki
- Property/Grounds: Report filed      Allen Schulte
- Social Concerns: No report filed      Deborah Dohoney
- Stewardship: No report filed
- Worship: No report filed      Mardella Laskowski
- Youth: Report filed      Crystal Moscot

Ending Deficit from 2009	<u>-29,723.44</u>
Current Deficit as of 5-31-10 (includes 2009 deficit figure)	<u>-22,341.12</u>
<b><u>May 31, 2010</u></b>	
YTD Budget:	No Budget
YTD Exp:	\$72,764.41
YTD Giving	\$80,146.73

Unfinished Business:

- Stewardship chair — Executive Board / until person is appointed.
- Congregational Survey: Results were available for hand-out to congregation on Sun., 05/09/10.
- 2010 Proposed Budget (modified) Presented at July 2010, Quarterly, Congregational Meeting.
- LCMC — Motion was made by Sylvia Work; second by Deborah Dohoney to send out the letter with the information packet by 5/27 or 5/28 to the congregation for the first Called Congregational Meeting on June 13, 2010, to vote on leaving ELCA and going to LCMC. Motion carried.
- Announce Called Congregational Meeting in church on May 30 and June 6.
- On June 13, 2010 — One service at 10:10 A.M., with Called Congregational Meeting following.

New Business:

Property & Grounds Committee — A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed to approve the purchase of a Scag Freedom Z zero turning radius mower from A.C. Lawn and Garden Service in Kingsville, Texas for the price of \$4,999.00 with funds to pay for mower coming from the remainder of funds allocated for the purchase of garden equipment as per minutes of the October 21, 2004 council meeting in the amount of \$1,233.86 plus \$3,000.00 in private donations with the balance of \$765.14 coming from the overage from donations received for the replacement of the church heater.

Ending prayers: Led by Sheryl Wallgren and Pastor Kathleen. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
 Present: Pastor Kathleen Kasper; Melba Andersen; Deborah Dohoney; Sheryl Wallgren; Sylvia Work; Mardella Laskowski; Glenda Schneider; Allan Schulte; employee, Helen Grant

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Sylvia Work, Council Secretary

## Applying Bible Principles

God uses money in a variety of ways in the lives of His children. One of the most important ways God uses money is to confirm direction. Simply stated, God uses the supply of money or the lack of it to confirm His direction for many of the decisions we must make in life.

If God gives us clear direction which is confirmed by His Word, then He will provide whatever is needed to carry out that direction. The only problem is that He expects us to step out in faith in obedience to His leading and His Word, usually without knowing in full the pathway that lies ahead.

Living that kind of life requires faith in God's person and His promises. It requires taking God at His Word and basing how we live on His Word. It requires trusting Him, even when circumstances appear to be contrary. It requires seeking first His kingdom, and then being confident that He will provide what we need. It requires — as the writer of Hebrews observed — believing that God “. . . exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China who lived in the 19th century, summed it up beautifully this way: “God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply.” This means that if we are not experiencing God's supply, either we are not doing God's work (that is, we are not seeking first His kingdom) or we are not doing God's work in His way.

Make no mistake about it: God is not a God of disorder. He will not provide specific direction which He confirms by His Word if He does not intend to provide what is necessary for us to obey Him fully. But He looks to us to be willing to trust Him by taking the first step, and then another, and yet another.

By the way, has God been speaking to you lately? Has He confirmed that direction through His Word? If so, remember this: You can be confident that as God works in your life, He will use money or the lack of it to confirm His direction.

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## City-Wide Prayer Services

**The Alice Area Alliance of Christian Churches (AAACC) invite you to join together weekly in prayer. We meet on TUESDAYS at 6:00 P.M. The host congregations for each week are listed below. Everyone is invited to come and unite in prayer for our city, state, nation, and as the Lord leads us. The schedule is:**

June 29 - Agape House Fellowship, 3526 Hwy 281 N. - Pr. Richard Musser

July 6 - El Mesias Methodist, 1014 S. Cameron St. - Pr. Juanita Garcia

July 13 - Praise Fellowship Church, 3376 Hwy 44 - Pr. George Franco

July 20 - Templo de Liberacion, 104 Schley Ave. - Pr. Domingo Vela

July 27 - Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1400 N. Texas Blvd. - Pr. Kathleen Kasper

August 3 - Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1200 N. Stadium Dr. - Pr. Juan Rodriguez

August 10 - True Light Baptist, 415 MLK Blvd. - Pr. Lloyd Lister

August 17 - Agape House Fellowship, 3526 Hwy. 281 N. - Pr. Richard Musser

August 24 - Praise Fellowship Church, 3376 Hwy 44 - Pr. George Franco

August 31 - El Mesias Methodist, 1014 S. Cameron St. - Pr. Juanita Garcia

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Among Us in Alice, Texas**