

IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS

June, 2010

Dear Members of Immanuel,

For the past couple of weeks in worship we have been talking about the importance of becoming a biblical church once again. As you may recall our vision statement is to be Christ-Centered, Bible-Based, Family-Focused and Mission-Minded. In light of these messages, I thought I would give you a few pointers on "How to buy a Bible."

1. Pick the Right Translation. The most important aspect of buying a Bible is finding a translation that matches the reading level of the person who will be reading it. At church we use almost exclusively the New International Version (NIV). The NIV has a reading level between 7th and 8th grade. In comparison, the King James Version has a reading level of a senior in college. (Yes, I use the NIV, why make life more difficult than it is?) Other good translations available today include the ESV, English Standard Version and the NLT, New Living Translation.

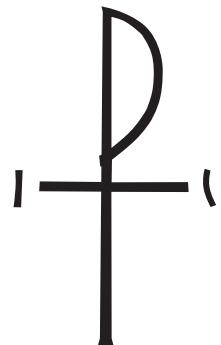
2. A Translation vs. a Paraphrase. A very popular Bible today is Eugene Peterson's "The Message". The difference between a translation and a paraphrase comes in whether the Bible errs on accuracy in the original languages or comprehensibility in modern English. True translations like the ESV, NLT, as well as the NIV, attempt to be as close as possible to the original Hebrew and Greek of the Bible. Paraphrases, like the old Good News to Modern Man, the Living Bible or The Message attempt to make the language of the Bible as close to our own language as possible.

3. Devotional vs. Study Bibles. For purely devotional or daily reading a paraphrase like The Message is not such a bad way to go. However, for Bible study and in-depth understanding stick with a true translation. If you are buying a Bible for someone else there are devotional Bibles in good translations for just about every life situation – women's, small group, teens, military personnel, college students, etc... But again, a good study Bible in a good translation like the NIV or the ESV will cover both bases.

4. Picking a Study Bible. For over twenty years I used an NIV Study Bible which I had purchased between college and seminary back in 1985. Right out of seminary we were also given a Concordia Study Bible, which is a "Lutheranized" version of the NIV Study Bible. Recently, both Augsburg Fortress and Concordia Publishing House, the two big Lutheran publishers, put out a "Lutheran Study Bible." Unfortunately, both publishers also called it the "Lutheran Study Bible." But believe me, they are not the same! If you decide to go with a Study Bible that helps define and understand our Lutheran point of view I would recommend the Concordia Publishing House version of the Lutheran Study Bible.

There are, however, many other good study Bibles also on the market, including study Bibles in the ESV and NLT translations, along with the NIV. Perhaps the most popular today is the Life Application Study Bible, which comes in the NIV, NLT and even the NKJV (New King James Version) for you die-hards that just cannot give it up!

5. Finally, Pick a Cover You Like. Like Henry Ford use to say, "You can have a Model T in any color you like, as long as it is black." And while the adage no longer applies to cars, it certainly does not apply to Bibles as well. If you are going to be investing \$\$ on a good study bible, you may want to go the extra \$ and get a good cover. Bible covers generally come in hardbound, bonded leather and true leather. (Oh yes, there are many other names for the leather covers, but the difference is quite simple: bonded leather is leather pieces cut and bonded together, whereas true leather is a piece of cow, calf or even goat that is made into a Bible cover. I think most of the leather coats I've had have been bonded leather.) Colors and designs are multiple. (Continued on Page Two)



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A trip to Parable's Book Store in Omaha is well worth the time before committing to a Bible that you will be using for the next twenty years. Parables Christian Book & Gift Center 11212 Chicago Circle, Omaha, NE 68154 (402) 333-5570

Here are some website links to get you started...

<http://www.christianbook.com/bibles> (CBD, Christian Book, is the "Amazon" of Christian literature)

<http://www.cph.org/> (Concordia Publishing House, the Lutheran Study Bible)

<http://www.biblica.com/niv/> (New International Version)

<http://www.newlivingtranslation.com> (New Living Translation)

<http://www.esv.org/> (English Standard Version)

In Christ's Loving Service,

Pastor Steve

SHELBY COUNTY MISSION WEEK

June 20—25, 2010

A group of youth (8th grade thru 12th) and adults wanting to serve God by serving our community are coming to Shelby County. These mission-oriented youth and leaders from Ankeny First United Methodist Church have selected Harlan and Shelby County for this years' Mission Week. They will be here to paint, construct wheelchair ramps, clean up brush and/or tree limbs, etc. They have the determination and willingness to perform many tasks while here and the talents to share with those in need.

All will be staying at St. Michael's and local churches will provided breakfast and sack lunches for the workers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH @ 10:30 AM
TO HIS GLORY/ROOF

M O P S GARAGE SALE and BAKE SALE
SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2010

Immanuel's North Parking Lot

(Inside if raining)

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Carla Glover will also be taking vintage looking photos





Remember our Servicemen:

Kelly Kelly, Jonathan Tilk, Scott Larsen



I. L. C. W.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Women

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—9-3 pm Country Friends

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—1:00 pm Hand Quilters

June 9 & 23 —1:30 pm Tying Mission Quilts

Deborah's Circle, 1:30 pm, June 1

Ruth Circle, 9:30 am, June 2

Rachel Circle, 1:30 pm, June 2, Immanuel Lutheran ILCW, June 24th @ 7:00 pm



L Y O MISSION TRIP

Monticello, Iowa

June 2—6, 2010

June 2nd-6th the LYO will be serving and spending time at Pictured Rocks Camp in eastern Iowa. They will be dismantling a bridge that was washed out in last year's flood and then reconstructing two pedestrian bridges. They will also be doing team building activities, other camp activities including rock climbing and kayaking, and have a worship and Bible study time each night. Students going on this trip include: Kirsten Applegate, Jordan Brelje, Jessika Chapman, Chelsey Havick, Jenny Hosack, Nate Mages, Stephanie Meurer, Drake Nielsen, Josh Olson, Sarah Olson, Skyler Peters, Jessica Ring, and April Taggs. Adult leaders are Robbie & Emily Cundy and Lindsey Vorm. Please pray for this group as they prepare, travel, serve, and grow together on this trip.

Many "Thanks" to Barney & Judy Ahrenholtz and Rick & Cheryl Chipman for the use of their vehicles for our mission trip!!

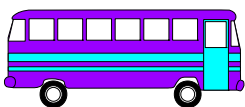
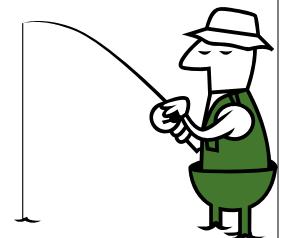
ILCW CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS are paid directly to the family, after the child attends camp. There is a form in the office, to be completed for your request.

FISHERS OF MEN

June 6, 2010

2:00 p.m.

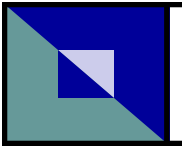
The Fishers of Men event will take place at Prairie Rose State Park, starting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th, which is the "free fishing weekend". Make plans now to attend this family event.



ANNUAL BUS TOUR THURSDAY, JULY 29TH

Travel will be by Arrow Stage Lines beginning here at Immanuel. Tour includes Museum of Religious Art, Logan, lunch in the Old Market, Omaha, and Lauritzen Gardens. Sign up sheet is in the office. Cost, times, and more details will follow.

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JUNE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Every Saturday—Worship at 5:00 p.m.
Communion on June 5 & 19

Every Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Communion on June 6 & 20
10:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee/Rolls
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

A fellowship of believers
Committed to be and become:
Christ-Centered
Bible-Based
Family-Focused
Mission-Minded
In all that we do for the glory of God!
Matthew 28:18-20