

# IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS

## FEBRUARY 2011

Recently the Crystal Cathedral, home of Possibility Preacher Robert Schuller, filed for Chapter Eleven bankruptcy. Until his retirement in 2006, Schuller was best known for his "Hour of Power" TV broadcast that began in 1970. At one time the "Hour of Power" broadcast was the world's most widely watched hour-long church service. One of Schuller's most popular books was "The Be Happy Attitudes: 8 Positive Attitudes That Can Transform Your Life", based on Jesus teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. At one time Robert Schuller was one of the most widely known preachers in America.

Consider Jesus the preacher. Quite often the crowds went away amazed, but also confused. Most of the time Jesus' own disciples did not understand his parables, forcing him to take them aside and explain it to them bit by bit. His conversion success rate was hit and miss; Nicodemus walked away born again, but the young rich ruler was not willing to "sell all he had and give to the poor and then come and follow Jesus." Eventually it was his preaching that got Jesus killed: the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law simply grew tired of being labeled hypocrites.

Once Jesus preached: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." And while we recognize the truth of these words through the Institution of the Lord's Supper and the proof of these words through Jesus own resurrection from the dead, many of the people of Jesus day simply felt he had gone too far. John writes: "On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Jesus went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." John notes that the response was immediate: "From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." (John 6, NIV)

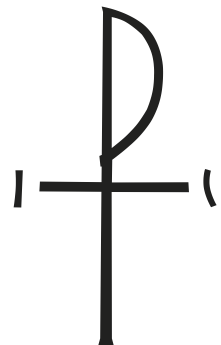
Consider Jesus the preacher. There is not one "Be-Happy Attitude" among any of his beatitudes. His Sermon on the Mount is often considered so unrealistic in its ethical demands that Jesus must have been using hyperbole – deliberately exaggerating so that the people wouldn't take him literally. That is, setting the bar so high so that everyone would know that Jesus never really meant that we were to strive to reach it.

And while it may be true that we can't, we can't reach the ethical bar Jesus has set, it is also very true that Jesus did. He not only passed the bar he had set for himself, but surpassed it.

Jesus, hearing that many of his disciples had turned back and were no longer following him, turned to his inner circle, the chosen twelve. "What about you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Simon Peter answered for all of them, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

And since that is true, since Jesus really is the Holy One of God, think of the possibilities! Possibilities that even Robert Schuller could never have imagined. Consider Jesus the preacher. Jesus never built a cathedral. Jesus never started a TV ministry. Jesus never even wrote a book. But two thousand years later, Jesus is still preaching. And his Words will remain forever.

In Christ's Loving Service,  
Pastor Steve Chellew



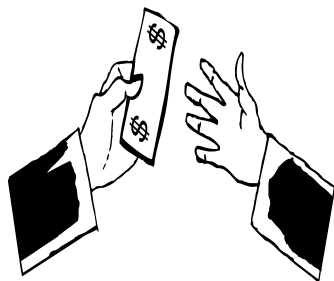
## FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Evening Services on Saturday, February 5 (with Holy Communion), 12,  
19 (with Holy Communion) and 26

Regular worship on Sunday February 6 (with Holy Communion), 13,  
20 (with Holy Communion) and 27 with Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you are interested in joining the Prayer Chain or have a prayer request, please contact the church office at [ilc@fmctc.com](mailto:ilc@fmctc.com).



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Nearly \$450 was raised at the breakfast held on Sunday, January 9, 2011. Special thanks to our Mission and Outreach committee for spearheading this and working with the volunteers from Habitat. They were very pleased by the positive response from Immanuel.

## ILC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2011  
12:00 p.m.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, Feb. 9	12 p.m. Trust/Memorial
Tuesday, Feb. 15	4:30 p.m. Education
	5:30 p.m. Property
	7 p.m. Church Council



### Remember our Servicemen:

Benjamin Gilley, David Hopp, Kelly Kelly,  
Scott Larsen, and Jonathan Tilk



## TANZANIA UPDATE

**Health** The Health clinic serves Kidugala, 12 preaching points & several other villages. They are in need of an autoclave (sterilizer). At this time they clean instruments & other items by boiling water. They are still gathering cost & model information.

**Education** Immanuel is endeavoring on an Orphan Education Program. This would be an on-going support to enable orphans to attend school. With currently 300 orphans, the estimated cost is \$7500/year (an average of \$25.00 per student/per year). This project will be supported by sponsorships & fund-raisers. This year, proceeds from the Super Bowl Snack Sale & the Soup Supper Auction will be used to get this project started so that we can soon see these orphans receiving education opportunities.

**Agriculture** Currently, the maize has been planted & the Kidugala area is starting to now see some good rains. Beans have not been planted as yet, but soon will be. They are exploring various types of beans that may be better producers for the Kidugala area. Much Agriculture business is developing with more exciting news to be reported next month.

**Development** Philipo Mloge will be taking his national examinations in February. Philipo's wife, Atu gave birth to a little girl in November-they named her Gloria. She is welcomed home by brother Ezra & sister Dorice, keep their family in your prayers. Jason Mtokoma will also be taking examinations in medical school during February. Pastor Wallace Lupenza's father has been in the hospital & having surgery-keep his family in your prayers. Also, keep Pastor Nuru Kahwili in your prayers. The Kidugala District encompasses a lot of area & people, with Pastor Wallace away attending his father it puts a great deal on her alone.

**Prayer Partners:** Don't forget to lift up your prayer partners daily

**Monthly Mailing:** PHOTOS NEEDED! If you have any photos of church activities (Sunday School, Confirmation, LYO, Women's Group, snow, etc), please place them in the office marked TZ Team so we can share with our friends in Kidugala.

**Calling All Kids, Teachers, Sunday School Teachers, Parents:** Picture drawings Wanted (color pencil, crayon, etc) Pictures should be no bigger than 8x11.5) Draw pictures of playing in the snow, your family, classroom, what you eat, Anything! The children & adults will all enjoy them. Get them to the office by February 27<sup>th</sup> & we will mail out to Kidugala.

**2011 Summer Short-Term Mission Trip:** There is much to be done to prepare for the trip (Visas, passports, vaccines, airline tickets & classes). There are 4 committed travelers at this time. There will be a **Travel Meeting Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the church.** This is a preliminary preparation meeting to get paperwork filled out. If you have been thinking of going but haven't taken that step yet, now is the time. Pick up a packet ASAP & we look forward to seeing you at this important meeting

**It's coming!! It's coming!!! To a town very near you (very near you)!!!:** What??? The Soup Supper & Auction! Yes, it is that time of year again. Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm

## **Annual Tanzania Soup Supper & Auction FUNd-raiser (Raising guaranteed fun for the family while raising funds for Tanzania)**

This year's proceeds are to help fund the Kidugala Orphan Education Program

Saturday – March 5<sup>th</sup>

Immanuel Lutheran Church-Harlan Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

### **FOR FREE-WILL DONATION:**

- \*The entire family can eat soup, crackers & dessert\*
- \*Homemade ice-cream station\*
- \*Enjoy all the festive decorated serving stations\*
- \*Cast your votes for the best table & the best soup\*
- \*Join the auction for lots of excitement & laughs\*

Who knows, you might even find some special treasure at the auction that you just can't live without: there is sure to be a little something for everyone of any age

***Come see what interesting item Craig brings this year for some lucky & unsuspecting individual: Some winners in the past have gone home with rubber chickens, hula hoops, and umbrella hats***

If you have a great idea for a theme table & a good recipe for a soup, sign up & get in the competition (each group gets ½ of a table for their display/serving area). Remember, there is a prize for Best Table Display, Peoples Choice & Judge's Choice

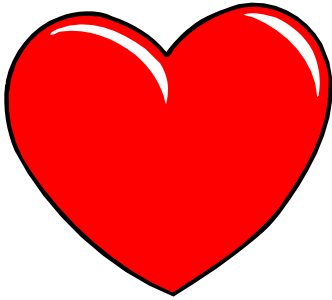
\*We need the name of your soup by March 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can make signs for your table\*

### **AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!!!**

Use your imagination:

New Items, Gently Used Unique Items, Tickets (games, movies, etc), Weekend Get-Aways, Dinners, Games, Gift Certificates, Services/Labor, Gift Baskets

Bring to the church or call any TZ Team member for pick-up of items



## **MARIAM BENJAMIN MGOGORO: IMMANUEL'S COMPASSION CHILD**

Keep her in your prayers. There is a sign-up for 2011 in the narthex. You can sign-up for a week or a month (\$10/week). It is a great encouragement for Mariam to receive letters, drawings or photos. If you are interested in writing to Mariam, contact the church office or Deb Schechinger for special Compas-

## **LAY MISSIONARIES NEEDED**

Immanuel is sending a team of Lay Missionaries to Tanzania this summer to visit our Companion Congregation. Plans are being made. If you are interested, please contact one of the Tanzania team for more details. The trip is being planned for July. A Tanzanian Travelers meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church for everyone that is going. Please consider this opportunity.



## **TANZANIA SUPER BOWL SNACK SALE**

Saturday, February 5, 2011 following the 5:00 pm service and on Sunday, February 6, 2011 (Super Bowl Sunday) following the 9:00 am service. Proceeds will go to the Orphan Education Fund.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
December 21, 2010

Present: Seth Johannsen, Nancy Ludwig, Tim Meyer, Margie Schenck, Pastor Chellew, Bert Hillers, Cheryl Chipman, Terri Johnson, Mert Kastens, Patty Kumm, Kate Schechinger  
Agenda approval was moved, seconded and approved. October Council Minutes approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Full written copy available in the church office.

November summary: Offerings were good in November and expenses were in line or slightly lower than budgeted amounts. 2010 offerings were lower than 2009 but lower expenses more than offset the shortfall.

To His Glory: the only expense in November was debt reduction. In December THG paid \$25,000.00 for roof expenses. A large THG donation came in during December which helped limit the amount of roof repair/replacement money coming from the ILC line of credit. \$20,000.00 came from the line of credit with \$12,000.00 from the general budget for roof expenses.

With the approval of the congregation at the General Meeting on January 30, the To His Glory fund will become a general use Capital Fund after April 2010 (the official end of the campaign). Approx. \$50,000.00 will be needed annually to maintain the ILC buildings and grounds.

The 2011 budget was reviewed. A copy will be available in the office and with the materials for the annual meeting. Some categories are lower than 2010 and others are slightly higher. Overall the budget is about \$8300.00 higher than 2009. The budget will be presented at the annual meeting. The Treasurer's report was approved.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS:

Full written reports are available in the church office.

MISSION/OUTREACH: No written report. Money has been donated for a farming plot in Tanzania at an Agriculture College and toward the Women's Center. There will be a pancake feed on January 9 for Habitat for Humanity. The web site and a Facebook account are available.

WORSHIP: The Christmas worship schedule was reviewed.

EDUCATION: As written. The Children's' Christmas Program on 12/19 went well.

FELLOWSHIP: As written.



PROPERTY: The bell tower lights have been fixed thanks to Barney Ahrenholtz and Randy Tilk. Our custodian has done a great job this year. The ILCW has approached the property committee regarding remodeling the ILC kitchen. The ILCW will develop a preliminary design. It was suggested that a special spring and fall cleaning day be established for the kitchen. On the ILC roof, all the work now completed will be all that is done until spring 2011.

STEWARDSHIP: There will be council representatives for the stewardship in 2011. ILC members who use Thrivent should contact the company regarding having ILC designated for charitable funding. Reviewing the 2010 Stewardship Pledge drive, fewer members pledged less money than 2009 but the money keeps coming in to cover ILC expenses.

EXEC COMMITTEE: As Written

PASTORS REPORT: As Written

OLD BUSINESS: The nominating committee still needs to fill openings for Council Vice President, the Fellowship and Stewardship Committees. The Trust committee needs another member.

Regarding general safety issues around the ILC buildings, the ILC insurance provider has lots of materials that members/council members may find useful. The materials will be available in the church office.

NEW BUSINESS: It was proposed that ILC develop a new statement of faith to be posted on the ILC web site. The statement will have supporting scriptural references. The statement was reviewed and approved to put on the web site.

The annual meeting will be held January 30 at 10:30 right after worship service. The quorum will be approx. 48 people.

After the June Scott estate is settled, sometime early in 2011, a special committee will need to be formed to advise the ILC Church Council on how the donation will be distributed as per the specific rules of the ILC Constitution.

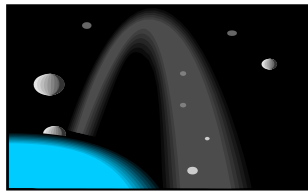
Prayerfully submitted,

Margie Schenck

**SAVE THE DATE....  
GALA 2011 HEAVENLY NIGHT**

Friends of Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp Present...

**Heavenly Night Gala IV**



Saturday, February 26, 2011  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp  
3001 Riverside Road, Story City, IA  
Tickets at 515-733-5271  
[rlbc@ricersidelbc.org](mailto:rlbc@ricersidelbc.org)

Music performed by the Everett Boyer Orchestra  
Silent & Live Auctions  
Hors d'oeuvres 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Black Tie Optional, \$100 per plate

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IN CONCERT AT

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011 @ 11:00 A.M.**

## ILC MEMBER NEWS

### In Loving Memory:

- Gloria Mills (12/28/10)

### No Sunday School

**February 20, 2011**

Faith Sound from Harlan, IA will be performing at ILC Sunday, February 20, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m.

### We Need Your Help!

ILC is updating the email database for all of its members. Please help us out by sending the email addresses of all your family members to [ilc@fmctc.com](mailto:ilc@fmctc.com).

## Family Fun Night & Potluck

Wednesday, Feb. 9, @ 5:30 p.m.

All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families are invited to a potluck supper and games this Wednesday. (This will take the place of regular confirmation and pre-confirmation classes for the evening.)

See you there!



## Middle School Fun Night!

Friday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

More details to come... Mark your calendars!

## DAFFODILS FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Marilyn Burger will be selling daffodils on Sunday, February 6 in the Narthex. Flowers are \$10.





## Immanuel Lutheran Church Women ILCW Monthly Activities

- Feb 1, 8, 15, 22—9-3 Country Friends Quilters
- Feb 1—9:30 am Deborah's Circle
- Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 —1:00 pm Hand Quilters
- Feb 2—1:30 pm Rachel Circle
- Feb 9 & 23 —1:30 pm Tying Mission Quilts
- Feb 10—6:00 p.m. ILCW Meeting
- Feb 21—7:00 p.m. Country Friends Quilters Meeting
- Feb 24— 7:00 pm ILCW Bunko

ILCW met the second Thursday of January and started the planning for 2011. We are very excited and have some wonderful ideas for the upcoming year. We are hoping more women of Immanuel will join us. We meet every month on the second Thursday at 6 pm in the library at church. On the fourth Thursday of the month we will be playing Bunko in the fellowship hall at 7 pm. Please join us and bring a friend. Each month we will ask for a small item to help with mission projects or you can give a small donation if you choose. Please come and join us for fun and fellowship.

## ILCW **Bunko**

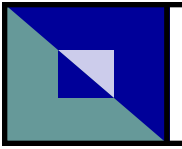
Bring a friend & enjoy an evening  
of Christian fellowship, fun, &  
food!

Every 4th Thursday of the  
Month @ 7:00 p.m.

It's an easy game to learn!

Mission Donation:  
For Thursday, February 24  
Small Lace Hankie





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Staff:  
Pastor Steve Chellew  
Youth Director: Emily Cundy  
Music Director: Lisa Meyer  
Office Manager: Carol McHugh  
Custodian: Tom Henrich

## **FEBRUARY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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

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

## WINTER BIBLE READING SCHEDULE SUNDAY WORSHIP READINGS IN BOLD

### February 2011

1	I Samuel 26	Matthew 26	
2	I Samuel 27	Matthew 27	
3	I Samuel 28	Matthew 28	
4	I Samuel 29	I Thessalonians 1	
5	I Samuel 30	I Thessalonians 2	
<b>6</b>	<b>Isaiah 58:1-12</b>	<b>I Corinthians 2:1-16</b>	<b>Matthew 5:13-20</b>
7	I Samuel 31	I Thessalonians 3	
8	II Samuel 1	I Thessalonians 4	
9	II Samuel 2	I Thessalonians 5	
10	II Samuel 3	II Thessalonians 1	
11	II Samuel 4	II Thessalonians 2	
12	II Samuel 5	II Thessalonians 3	
<b>13</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</b>	<b>I Corinthians 3:1-9</b>	<b>Matthew 5:21-37</b>
14	II Samuel 6	I Timothy 1	
15	II Samuel 7	I Timothy 2	
16	II Samuel 8	I Timothy 3	
17	II Samuel 9	I Timothy 4	
18	II Samuel 10	I Timothy 5	
19	II Samuel 11	I Timothy 6	
<b>20</b>	<b>Leviticus 19:1-18</b>	<b>I Corinthians 3:10-23</b>	<b>Matthew 5:38-48</b>
21	II Samuel 12	II Timothy 1	
22	II Samuel 13	II Timothy 2	
23	II Samuel 14	II Timothy 3	
24	II Samuel 15	II Timothy 4	
25	II Samuel 16	Titus 1	
26	II Samuel 17	Titus 2	
<b>27</b>	<b>Isaiah 49:8-16</b>	<b>Corinthians 4:1-5</b>	<b>Matthew 6:24-34</b>
28	II Samuel 18	Titus 3	

# February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>6</b> First Fruits 9 am Worship/HC 10 am Fellowship 10 am TZ Super Bowl Snack Sale 10:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>7</b> 4 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>1</b> 9am Country Friends 9:30 am Deborah Cir</p>	<p><b>2</b> 1 pm Hand Quilters 1:30 pm Rachel Circle 3:30 pm JAM 5:30 pm 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth 5:30 pm St. Cecilia Field Trip 6 pm Bell Practice, Meal 6:30 pm SCCO Women 7 pm LYO, TZ Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10 6 pm ILCW Meeting 7 pm MOPS</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> First Fruits 5 pm Worship/HC 6 pm TZ Super Bowl Snack Sale</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:15 am Adult Bible Study 10:15 am Sunday School 2 pm Lincoln BB 4-H 6:30 pm CC 4-H</p>	<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Day 4 pm Bible Study</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9am Country Friends 4:30 pm Education 5:30 pm Property 7 pm Church Council</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1 pm Hand Quilters 3:30 pm JAM 5:30 pm 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Bell Practice, Meal 6:30 pm SCCO Women 7 pm LYO, Puppeteers</p>	<p><b>17</b> Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>19</b> 5 pm Worship/HC</p>
<p><b>20</b> 9 am Worship/HC 10 am Fellowship 10:15 am Adult Bible Study No Sunday School 11 am Faith Sound</p>	<p><b>21</b> Washington's Birthday 4 pm Bible Study 7 pm Country Friend Quilters</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9am Country Friends</p>	<p><b>23</b> 1 pm Hand Quilters 1:30 pm Mission Quilters 5:30 pm 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth 5:30 pm Confirmation 6 pm Bell Practice, Meal 6:30 pm SCCO Women 7 pm LYO, Puppeteers</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9 am MOPS 1 pm Assemble Newsletter 7 pm ILCW Bunko</p>	<p><b>25</b> WIC Middle School Fun Night 6:30 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>26</b> 5 pm Worship</p>
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