

# IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS

## JUNE 2013

My family loves the zoo. And we always have. We are fortunate to live in close proximity to one of our nation's finest zoos, Omaha's Henry Doorly. While many zoos started primarily with entertainment in mind, today they are all about education and conservation. The very first zoos trace back to about the 8th century and were called menageries. They weren't about education or entertainment; they were really all about wealth and power. Powerful aristocrats and rulers would build beautiful gardens housed with many exotic animals as a way of displaying their own power and wealth to others.

But today it's all about conservation and education; conservation of animal, insect and even plant species that are rapidly becoming extinct around the globe. And also education about animals themselves, their diversity, their characteristics, their needs, and of course, their origins. Where did all these various animal species come from?

I think most of us, standing in front of the gorilla cage, looking into the deep dark brown eyes of the 430 pound Silverback Mountain Gorilla, have at least wondered: "are you my brother?" After all, that seems to be what the educational brochures and placards and diagrams posted all around the gorilla complex are saying. We are all part of the great big circle of life, with all of life coming from lower forms of life, an every changing, ever evolving progression of adaptation and survival of the fittest. This is why man is on the outside of the glass looking in, and the gorilla on the inside of the glass looking out. We've adapted, he hasn't.

Is it really that simple? And no, I am not implying that the theory of scientific evolution is simplistic. Indeed, it is radically complicated and getting much more complicated every year as new discoveries continue to be made. No, my question is: is man really that simple? Is man just simply a more complicated form of other life forms? Have we simply evolved better and more thoroughly than any other life form, allowing us a unique view from the top of the food chain?

Or is man something completely different? In October of 2008, Samson, a 13-year-old male silverback gorilla at Henry Doorly, attacked his three year old daughter, Baina. Zoo staffers attempted to save her life but were unsuccessful. Samson was likely named after the Biblical character Samson, known for his power and strength, and unfortunately, uncontrolled rage. Yes, there often seem to be more similarities between man and the animal kingdom than we want to admit. And yet...

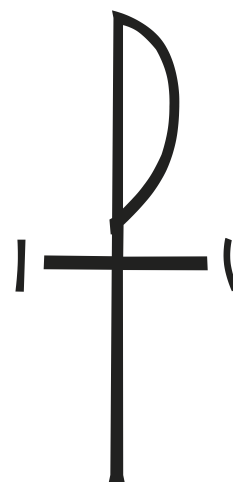
Genesis 1:26–27 (NIV) <sup>26</sup> "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Starting May 26<sup>th</sup>, our summer preaching series is called: "Ancient Stories for Modern Minds." Join us as we start at the beginning, Genesis 1 – in the beginning – and take a fresh look at these old stories from our Sunday School days. And if you get a chance between now and then head down to a visit at the zoo. It will be an education.

In Christ's Loving Service,

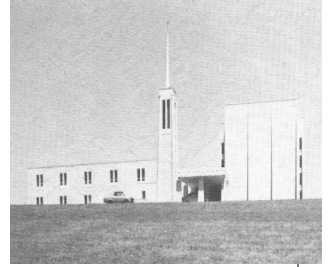
Pastor Steve



## JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Services on Saturday, June 1 (with Holy Communion), 8,  
15 (with Holy Communion), 22 and 29

Regular worship on Sunday, June 2 (with Holy Communion),  
9, 16 (with Holy Communion), 22 and 30



## EDUCATION NOTES:

Many thanks to those who served as teachers during the year:

Pre-K - Dave & Diane Greve, Ken & Andrea Nielsen; K thru 2nd grade - Denise Barnes  
3rd grade - Morgan Meyer; 4th grade - Ivy Nielsen; 5th grade - Steve Allen  
6th grade - Sherry Lytle; Pre-K thru 2nd grade music - Ivy Nielsen;  
3rd thru 6th grade music - Lindsey Vorm; JAM instructors - Malisa Koesters & Angie Monson  
First Communion - Margie Schenck; 7th grade confirmation - Tim Brelje  
LYO - Eric & Hope Chipman, Lindsey Vorm

And thanks to all of our students for a great year. Our "mission work" has been focused on helping those who live in Haiti, and students have been contributing offering each Sunday to be used toward the purchase of a SafeTHome. So far, we have raised \$ 1617!! Thanks so much to everyone who has contributed to this project. We will continue our efforts this fall with hopes of sending a house to Haiti by Christmas.

Cross & Crown Pins: Cross & Crown Pins are available to any student who would like to have a "keepsake" representing participation as a student at Immanuel for this year. If you would like to have a pin/bar for this year, please leave a note in the church office, or you may e-mail Kate Schechinger - [schechfarms@fmctc.com](mailto:schechfarms@fmctc.com) and the pin will be sent to you.

Summer Activities: The education committee has been working on plans for the summer. Rather than holding a week of Bible School, arrangements have been made for two Family Activity Nights.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend these summer events. Please invite friends, neighbors, family members to join us for these activities! There will be no cost for admission - we would welcome a free-will donation that will go toward the Haiti project, or contribution of items that are needed for the HIV kits being assembled by the ILCW & Sunday School students that will be sent to Haiti in the fall.

Sunday, June 23 - 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Bowling at Cyclone Lanes  
(food will be available at your own cost)

Sunday, July 28 - 5:00 p.m. - Potluck meal at the swimming pool park  
6:00-8:00 p.m. - Swimming at Norman D. Stamp Aquatic Center

Mark your calendars! Hope to see you there!

**JUNE 14, 2013**  
**FLAG DAY**



**FATHER'S DAY**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

## JUNE MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

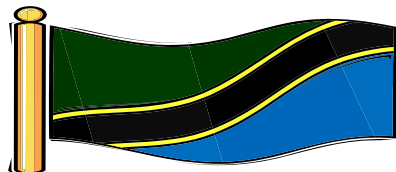
Monday, June 3 4:00 p.m. Education  
 Tuesday, June 18 6:00 p.m. ILC Executive Board  
 7:00 p.m. Church Council



### STEPHEN MINISTRY



Will Not Be Meeting in June,  
 July or August.  
 Will Resume In September



### TANZANIA TEAM MEETING

Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.



### THE HARLAN AREA MOPS

Will Resume In The Fall



### ILCW MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 6:00 p.m.



### SALEM LUTHERAN'S STALEY CHICKEN SUPPER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, ELK HORN, IA

Wednesday, June 5, 2013, Elk Horn Lutheran Church, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Advance Tickets available from Salem Lutheran Board and staff members and  
 at the ILC Church Office. \$11 for Adults, \$5.50 for children age 5 and under  
 (Tickets are \$1 more at the door).

### HARLAN MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM (MEALS ON WHEELS)

Volunteers are needed for the month of June. There are two routes for delivering meals: One in the southern part of Harlan and one in the northern part of Harlan. Two volunteers are needed per route. Sign-up sheets for both routes are up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board in the narthex. Thank you!



### REMEMBER OUR SERVICEMEN:

Justin Booth, Scott Burgin, Benjamin Gilley,  
 Christopher Jensen, Jasmine Jensen, Kelly Kelly,  
 Lucas Musich, Jenny Nielsen, Tyler Parkhurst,  
 Jeremy Pedersen, Jonathon Tilk.



**July 2013**

Newsletter Deadline:  
 Thursday, June 20!

## RAGBRAI 2013!

**Riders will arrive in Harlan  
Sunday morning and afternoon on Sunday, July 21.**

Please join us for this fellowship event at Immanuel.

## How can you help?

Look for sign ups in the bulletin, on the bulletin board in the narthex and at fellowship coffee or email Mary Taggs, [taggs@harlannet.com](mailto:taggs@harlannet.com)

Workers: Saturday set up and meal preparation; Sunday morning/afternoon welcome crew  
Lunch stand; Pie cutters; Pie sellers; Raffle ticket sellers;  
Sunday afternoon kitchen klan; Sunday late afternoon serving line;  
Overnight flock patrol; 4:00 a.m. breakfast; Monday morning clean up

Items needed: 20 roasters; Fans; Bar bakers; Pie bakers (contact Kathy Voge);  
Ice cream buckets

## IMMANUEL'S SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**SHIPPING** to Tanzania cost \$50 per month. (Sign up sheet in Narthex)

**MARIAM** sponsorship is \$10 per week. (Sign up sheet in Narthex)

**FLOWERS** for the altar. (Sign up sheet in Narthex)

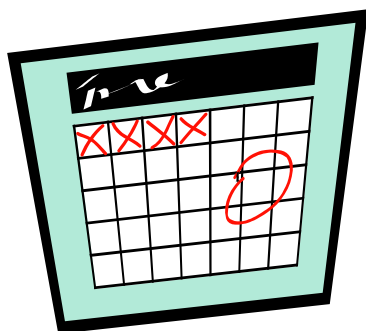
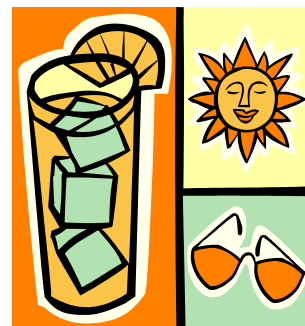
**LECTORS** are needed on a weekly basis. (Sign up sheet in Narthex)

**PLEASE** notify the church of changes to your address or phone number. When mailings are returned to us, we are charged a fee!



## FIRST FRUITS

Is held on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month (June 1 & 2). Please bring your non-perishable items to the church for the local food bank. Please place them in the shopping carts in the Narthex. Thank you!



## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE ROSTERS

The 2013 schedules for June and July are included in the June newsletter. The June 2013 schedule can be found on the opposite side of the June calendar. **If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find your own replacement and notify the church via email: [ilc@fmctc.com](mailto:ilc@fmctc.com) or call: 712-755-5207.**



## TANZANIA UPDATE

**Philipo Mloge:** Philipo's has recovered well from malaria. In completion of his second year of study, he will be taking his examinations starting June 10th through June 21<sup>st</sup> so please keep him in your prayers daily. During the Summer he will be teaching languages at the Kidugala Secondary School along with working in the fields. In August, he will attend the East Africa Language Conference for five days in Rwanda.

**Summer Lay Missionary Trip:** The travel team this year is: Patty Allen, Rick Chipman, Kevin and Val Seevers. They will travel from June 26 through July 14. Pray for the team's health and safety while they are gone. They will be busy with the following projects:

**Health:** Delivering the midwife kits and bulb suctions to the midwives, delivering cards for those that are ill in the area, delivering sutures to the Health Center.

**Education:** Orphan education progress, schools (preschools, primary and secondary). Spending time with Philipo while he teachings.

**Agriculture:** All aspects of Agriculture (pigs, chickens, crops) and the irrigation system.

**Development:** Seeing the two new wells and discussing pumps for the wells, delivering letters and other correspondence from Immanuel to Kidugala.

**Correspondence to Kidugala:** All members that have greeting cards, letters, photos or small gifts to share in Kidugala – please get to one of the church office/TZ Team members *no later than Father's Day/Sunday, June 16* so they can pack the items to take to Kidugala for delivery. Please keep any items small, light and easy to pack.

### **Recipe of the Month: Uff da Soup – Created by Diane Plumb**

#### **Served by Ole and Ole's sister (Lena stayed home)**

Soup "B" from St. Paul's-Irwin was Immanuel's Church Soup Challenger. They gave us a good run for the money" as they completely ran away with the "People's Choice Award"

1-1/2 Cups chopped cooked chicken (preferably from one of Ole's prize chickens that he raised from a chick)

3 cans of chicken broth (or make your own from that prize chicken of Ole's)

1 can cooked wild rice or one box of wild rice-cook as directly (preferably wild rice from Minnesota, ya know); 1/2 Cup chopped green onions; 2 Cups carrots-diced

2 Cups celery-diced (or course, all vegetables should come from Lena's garten);

1/2 C. butter (ya, real butter); 3/4 C. flour (da good white kind); 1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning;

1/2 teaspoon pepper; 2 Cups Half and Half (ya, the good creamy stuff)

8 slices bacon-cooked and crumbled (also preferably from Ole's prize winning pig at the county fair – that ya, he raised from a piglet-oh he was so proud of dat pig!)

In a big crock pot, cook the onions, carrots, celery and chicken broth on high for about 3-4 hours or until tender. Add the chicken and all the seasonings. In a saucepan melt that butter and add the flour, stirring until smooth. Gradually add in the Half and Half until slightly thickened. Add this to the crock pot and turn to low. Stir and add the bacon. Stir every once in a while. Try not to boil. Soup is the best even served the next day and gently reheated. If you want a cheesy flavor, you can add some shredded cheese. Eat with a nice big slice of homemade bread slathered (all the way to the edges) with some good creamy butter.



## ILCW BOARD MEETING, MAY 9, 2013

The women of Immanuel Lutheran Church met on May 9, 2013 in the church library with the following present: Marlene Sondergaard, Elaine Miller and Julie Vorm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by co-chairperson, Elaine Miller.

Julie opened with devotion and prayer.

**Secretary's report** was read and approved. Marlene made motion to accept and Elaine seconded.

**Treasurer's report** was read by Elaine. A bill of \$4.33 for napkins was presented. Checking account balance is \$3,528.75. Marlene made motion to pay bill and approve report, Julie seconded.

**Action report** was given by Marlene. Two quilts were name this past month

Community report – no report

**Hospitality report** – 11 get well, 1 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, 1 sympathy, and 1 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary cards were sent

**Kitchen report** – Elaine still is looking for towel holder and soap dispenser.

**Old Business** – May baskets were made and delivered. Thank you to all who generously provided items for these. Several items were held over for bingo prizes.

We will continue to collect items for Hospice Kits for Hattie all summer. There is a tote in the back of the church by coat racks.

Quilt for Ragbrai update – Mary is collecting the t-shirts from the towns on the route. As soon as they are collected we will start on quilt. Permit has been applied for to raffle the quilt.

No update on the book available.

Midwife kits for Tanzania will be assembled on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have old necklaces you no longer wear, please bring to the church to be given to women in Tanzania.

**New Business** – Immanuel is responsible for Meals on Wheels for the month of June. There are still several days that need filled with people willing to deliver meals. Will ask Kathy to send out a mass e-mail about this.

Pies are needed for Ragbrai. Mary has requested our help in filling this request for 100 pies. She has requested 30 or 40 rhubarb pies, of this total. Will ask Kathy to send out an e-mail asking for pies.

Next meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are responsible for devotions please be prepared. Also if you have signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels please keep that in mind.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Julie Vorm, Secretary



## JUNE ILCW ACTIVITIES



June 5, 12, 19 and 26 —1:00 p.m. Hand Quilters  
 June 4 —1:30 p.m. Deborah Circle at  
 Shirley Knudtson's House  
 June 5 —1:30 p.m. Rachel Circle  
 June 12 & 26 —1:00 p.m. Tying Mission Quilters  
 June 13 — 6:00 p.m. ILCW Meeting

## BUNKO



Thursday, June 27  
 at 7:00 p.m. Bring  
 a friend and enjoy  
 an evening of  
 Christian fellowship,  
 fun, and food!

## FOR OUR MILITARY



The ILCW will be mailing care packages in July to our military serving overseas. If you have family members or friends in the military, either in the U.S. or overseas, we would appreciate their complete military rank and address so we can include them in our mailings. Please leave this information in the church office. Copies of items needed can be found on the ILCW bulletin board. Thank you for your support!



## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



Women's Home Bible Study  
 Wednesday Evenings, 4:30 p.m.  
 (For additional information, contact  
 the church office, 755-5207)

Men's Bible Study  
 Wednesday Evenings, 7:30 p.m.

## ILC MEMBER NEWS



### In Loving Memory:

- John Swisher  
 May 1, 2013

## PUPPET MINISTRY IS COMING BACK!

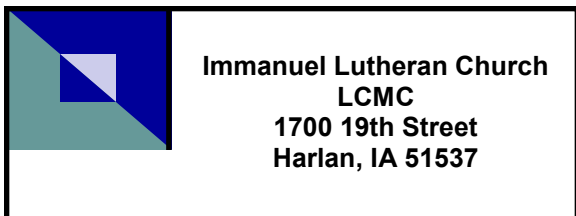
Mary Taggs has agreed to be our new puppet ministry director starting this fall. Fifth and Sixth graders are welcome to join the Team. Puppet Ministry training will take place on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30.



## FIRST DAY OF SUMMER JUNE 21, 2013



**NURSERY COORDINATOR** We are looking for a person to coordinate other volunteers to staff our nursery on Sunday mornings starting this fall. This individual would be responsible for calling and coordinating the schedule of adults and youth who will be available on Sundays when families want to use the nursery for their younger children. The coordinator doesn't do all of the nursery duty, but rather finds others to help out. Please talk to either Teri Johnson (worship) or Sandy Nelsen (Education) or Pastor Steve if you would be willing to help.



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## **JUNE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Every Saturday Worship at 5:00 p.m.  
Communion on June 1 and 15

Every Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.  
Communion on June 2 and 16

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

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[www.harlanimmanuel.org](http://www.harlanimmanuel.org)

Staff:

Pastor Steve Chellew  
Music Director: Lisa Meyer  
Office Manager: Carol McHugh  
Custodian: Tom Henrich



~ June 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> First Fruits  10am TZ Midwife Kits 5pm Worship/HC
<b>2</b> First Fruits 9am Worship/HC 10am Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Study 4pm LBB 4-H	<b>3</b>  4pm Education  7pm TZ Team Meeting	<b>4</b> 9-3 CF Quilters 1:30 Deborah Circle @ Shirley Knudtson's House	<b>5</b> 1pm Hand Quilters 1:30 Rachel Cir 4:30 Women's Home Bible Study 7:30 Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  5pm Worship
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<b>16</b> Father's Day 9am Worship/HC 10am Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9-3 CF Quilters  6pm Exec BD Meeting 7pm Church Council	<b>19</b> 1pm Hand Quilters 4:30 Women's Home Bible Study 7:30 Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b>  Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  5pm Worship
<b>23</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:15 Adult Bible Study  5-7pm Family Activity Night- Bowling at Cyclone Lanes	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9-3 CF Quilters	<b>26</b> 1pm Hand Quilters 1pm Mission Quilters 4:30 Women's Home Bible Study 7:30 Men's Bible Study  TZ Team leave for Tanzania, Africa	<b>27</b>  1pm Assemble Newsletter  7pm ILCW Bunko	<b>28</b> 12pm Stewart/Lynch Rehearsal	<b>29</b> Stewart/Lynch Wedding  5pm Worship
<b>30</b> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Private Party 10:15 Adult Bible Study	<b>Notes:</b>					

<b>Worship Schedule</b>										
<b>June 2013</b>	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun
	1-Jun	2-Jun	8-Jun	9-Jun	15-Jun	16-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	29-Jun	30-Jun
Greeters		A. Simdorn		D. Schmidt		L. Baughman		D. Klindt		K. Esparza
		S. Simdorn		D. Schmidt		E. Mills		D. Klindt		P. Tourtellot
Acolytes		J. Cheek		B. Renkly		L. Schmitz		B. Hopp		H. Horne
		J. Cheek		J. Swanson		A. Plagman		D. Wehr		G. Sorensen
Ushers	A. Andersen	J. Cheek	R. Sorensen	D. Renkly	D. Burgin	M. Schmitz	D. Hess	A. Ahrenholtz	J. Schuning	E. Chipman
	M. Andersen	R. Weihs		M. Renkly		N. Schmitz	D. Hess	R. Ahrenholtz		H. Chipman
		N. Ludwig		C. Swanson		J. Plagman		W. Grummert		J. Chipman
		R. Weigel		L. Swanson		J. Plagman		S. Grummert		B. Chipman
Lector		S. Allen		OPEN		OPEN		OPEN		OPEN
Altar Guild	J. Hansen	L. Conry			C. Laubach	D. Nelson				
		M. Havick				S. Daberkow				
		D. Schechinger				S. Torneten				
Communion Servers		K. Schechinger				C. Chipman				
		B. Ahrenholtz				R. Daberkow				
		J. Ahrenholtz				L. Vorm				
Fellowship Coffee		G. Jahn		S. Whitfield		R. Stern		Suzann Olson		P. Miller
		N. Jahn		J. Whitfield		L. Stern		C. Conrad		E. Miller
		R. Kroger		D. Larsen		K. Plewes		J. Conrad		J. Miller
		S. Kroger		J. Larsen						
Sound Technician		L. Chaves, Jr.		L. Chaves, Jr.		L. Chaves, Jr.		L. Chaves, Jr.		L. Chaves, Jr.
Video Recorder		B. Hillers		B. Hillers		B. Hillers		B. Hillers		B. Hillers
Projectionist	C. Nielsen	T. Johnson	L. Chellew	T. Johnson	K. Johannsen	T. Johnson	D. Nelson	T. Johnson	L. Chellew	T. Johnson
Stephen Minister	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
Council Person	D. Monson	D. Monson	S. Allen	S. Allen	C. Laubach	C. Laubach	S. Nelsen	S. Nelsen	D. Haake	D. Haake

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