



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**JUNE & JULY 2009**

Dear friends in Christ,

Another summer is upon us. Wow, already? If you are like me, you also have noticed that the summers seem shorter each year. They're not, but in our business, we have stuffed our summers with activities.

One thing I can tell you. It's going to be a great summer. It may not look that way for many of you because of various difficulties in your lives – sickness, family issues, financial difficulties and uncertainty in what many are calling difficult times. But there is One who transcends all of these things – Jesus Christ.

Rev. Matthew Harrison tells of an interview that was done with Dr. Norman Nagel, after he had retired from Concordia Seminary, in St. Louis. The host asked Dr. Nagel, "Tell us about faith." "No," came the response. The startled host tried again: "Dr. Nagel, can you tell us what faith is?" "No, I cannot," the professor said, "I will not speak of faith, but I will speak of Christ."

Dr. Nagel made his point. Christ is the content of "faith," or such "faith" is not of Christ. There's nothing wrong with saying, "Let me share my faith with you!" so long as it means, "Let me share Jesus with you!"

Thus, "I have faith" equals "I have Jesus!"

"My faith gives me strength" equals "Jesus gives me strength."

"I find forgiveness in my faith" equals "I find forgiveness in my Jesus."

"I live by faith" equals "I live by Jesus."

In Jesus, you have been given faith in your Baptism and continue to live in faith and are nourished in the faith through His Word and Sacraments. What we face in the future is always known by us Christians who are in Jesus. We may not know the earthly details, but we certainly know our eternal future. Yes, it's going to be a great summer for all of us – because of Jesus.

Have a blessed summer – in Jesus.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Praeuner



Stephen Brandt is home from college for the summer. You may call him at 317-7250 or 622-7020 for mowing or house-sitting.

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(From the Roswell Daily Record 5/10/09): Barry Haight was pictured in an article featuring the gun training and safety training classes that he offers . Barry is a certified New Mexico pistol instructor who owns and operates Personal Protection.

### Congratulations

(From the Roswell Daily Record 5/22/09): Kayla Northcutt was one of three graduating seniors presented with a certificate and \$500 scholarship at the Chaves County Board of Commissioners meeting. She plans to pursue a nursing degree at ENMU-R.

Rebecca (Huebner) Kenny, granddaughter of Donna Huebner, received her nurses' pin on May 15th, and she will be graduating in December.

**Just a Note:** Please let us know of any honors and/or special awards in your family. It's fun to share them with our church family. Please print a note or clip a newspaper article and slip it in the "Newsletter" box in the church office for the next upcoming newsletter. If you have any information to add to the newsletter, please do the same (or give the printed item to Lisa, Elaine or Carol.)

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Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

First of all I would like to thank all who made this school possible for me to attend for three years. I enjoyed it very much. My favorite subject was P.E., because I like to use my body instead of sitting down all day. I like getting the exercise; plus it is a lot of fun. This school has made a lasting impression on me and I will always remember it.

Thank you,  
Ben Sanchez

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you dearly for starting this school because I love it. I love this school because of its curriculum, leaders and atmosphere. My favorite subjects have been math and science. I also liked your pastor, Pastor Praeuner. He is a great teacher and mentor. The knowledge I have gained will help me through out life. Thank you for the great experience.

Sincerely,  
Noah Guebara

I attend the seventh grade at Immanuel Lutheran School. I have attended this school for two years. I have gained a high level of education and lots of friends. We are encouraged to be a good friend to others here. Because I sometimes have trouble in other schools, it is really good to have a good teacher like Miss Laubenstein, who is always willing to help. The smaller classes are helpful, because they are very organized and you get more attention. I am able to work with my grandmother and get the individual attention that I need to do my schoolwork. I am also able to pray in school, which is not normally allowed in public school.

I am glad that I have attended Immanuel Lutheran School. I have learned many things here that will help me in high school and life in general. This is a very proper school for any child in Pre-K through eighth grade. I have had a lot of fun here and I am very grateful for the experience that Miss Laubenstein has given us.

Jordon Isley



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**Let's thrive!**

The Southeastern NM Chapter of Thrivent will meet on Saturday, June 13th, at Immanuel. This is an excellent opportunity for all chapter members to get together and meet others from throughout the area, discuss projects and share in fellowship.

All chapter members are invited to a catered lunch at noon paid for by the Chapter. Then at 12:45 there will be a presentation by guest Lois Postenrieder, our statewide Lutheran Engagement Associate, and Chris Johnson, our area Financial Associate. Official activities will be done by 2 p.m. Please call the church office to RSVP about lunch and presentation. If you have any questions call George Schrank at 623-3534.

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This weeks VBS saw 41 children ages 3 to 12. (with 3 future VBS'ers in the nursery). The children "Followed the Lamb" as they learned about the early Christian Church and important aspects of Jesus' life and ministry. Thank you to all those who helped make this VBS so successful.

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**SUNDAY FLOWERS**

*There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to provide flowers on a certain Sunday. There are still a lot a blank spaces. Marie Ellis checks the chart and then calls you to see what designation, if any, you wish in Sunday's bulletin. You can designate the flowers in memory of loved ones, in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries , baptismal anniversaries or just to the glory of God . Marie will call House of Flowers who in turn delivers the flowers and bills you at the end of the month. You may pick up your flowers after the morning worship service.*

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**PICTURES NEEDED!!**

The wall in the Parish Hall with the pictures of our confirmation classes has several years missing. If you have loved ones that were confirmed in our church, please bring them to the office and we will have a copy made. The following years are the pictures we HAVE: 1952, 1963, 1965, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2008.

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For June and July there will only be one newsletter and this is it. There may be changes or additions to activities so check your bulletin each Sunday.

A Fourth of July cook-out will be held on July 4 at 6:30 p.m. here at the church. More information to follow in the bulletins.

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Studies have completed their studies for the summer. They will resume on September 8. However in the summer they will meet together for no-host luncheons. The luncheons will be the 3rd Tuesday in June 16, July 21 and August 18. Check in the upcoming bulletins for times and dates. All ladies are invited to attend.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Gwen Shields	6/2
Sharla Yruegas	6/2
Nathan Brandt	6/4
Zandra Orr	6/6
Joshua Dodson	6/10
Bob Heider	6/12
Pastor Praeuner	6/15
Lynda Hansen	6/18
Stacy Huebner	6/22
Elsie Peterson	6/22
Edna Haacke	6/24
MaryAnn Schrank	6/25
Steve Huebner	6/27
Nicolas Lara	6/28

**June Anniversaries**

Steve & Callie Dodson	6/3
Ed & Margaret Osborne	6/3
Luke & Jenci Huebner	6/4
Fred & Nancy Egeler	6/5
Ray & Beth Irizarry	6/5
Hugh & Elaine Taylor	6/7
Einar & Jan Johnson	6/10
Pete & Dorothy Kunkel	6/14
Bob & Janet Heider	6/16
Jerry & Karen Sorg	6/21
Jim & Deana Bozarth	6/22
Larry & Emmalee Knadle	6/24
Kim & Wendy Northcutt	6/28

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Sarah Kuehnemund	7/1
Ed Osborne	7/2
Drusilla Granroth	7/3
Denice Hansen	7/7
Luke Huebner	7/10
Margaret Osborne	7/11
Beth Irizarry	7/12
Jo Ann Sells	7/12
Cheeta Gray	7/15
Martin Huebner	7/15
Kay Wurst	7/18
Betty Helgeson	7/19
Joyce Kiess	7/20
Gordon Yahney	7/22
Joshua Jeremiah Sorg	7/26
Rhiana Taylor	7/27
Kelly Richardson	7/30
Verneal Crafton	7/31

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Pastor Seth & Nicolette Mierow	7/17
Pastor O.E. & Lorraine Krohn	7/18
Sean & Stephanie Schooley	7/21



# THE LUTHERAN HOUR

*Proclaiming Christ for 75 Years.*

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**KBIM RADIO 94.9 FM**

**EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:30 AM**

June 7 "**Christianity Is Losing?**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus The Christian Church has suffered reversals and setbacks. Is Christianity losing? (John 3:1-17)

June 14 "**Walking by Faith**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus The problem with living by faith is that all too often the focus of our faith proves unreliable. The risen Savior has proven Himself worthy of our trust. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

June 21 "**Dress for Action**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus Jesus is not just a Savior for women; the Church is not just an organization for the ladies. God encourages men and fathers to dress for action and stand for Christ. (Job 38:1-11)

June 28 "**Outrageous Generosity**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Grimm God will meet our needs, but not our greeds. What a joy to know that in Christ we lack no good thing! Today's guest speaker is the Rev. Keith Grimm of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, LaVista, Nebraska. Pastor Grimm is International Pastoral Advisor for the International Lutheran Laymen's League. (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

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Gene Peterson– Stewardship Director

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# June 2009

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Elders' Mtg 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> .	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship/ Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Board of Dir 7 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Thrivent Meeting 9-4
<b>14</b> Worship	<b>15</b> Community Kitchen- 10 a.m.	<b>16</b> Ladies Luncheon Cattle Baron	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Community Kitchen- 10 a.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship/ Communion	<b>29</b> Community Kitchen- 10 a.m.	<b>30</b>				

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# July 2009

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