



TOWER CHIMES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 2009

**Keeping faith
in the city
since 1837**

We will glorify God
*in our worship and service,
"equipping the saints"
to show the good news
of Jesus Christ
by the story we tell,
by the values we live,
by the choices we make;*

We will grow in faith,
*manifesting its joy and risk,
nurturing new generations
in its promises,
and inviting others
to share the journey;*

***We will attend to
human need***
*in both
congregation and world,
address the issues
of our time in dialogue
with our faith, and
affirm the love and teachings
of Jesus Christ
through our mission.*

Mission Statement
Immanuel Presbyterian
Church

*"In Your tending may all leaders
Learn and live a Shepherd's care;
Grant them courage and compassion
Shown through word and deed and prayer."*

Carl P. Daw, 1988 Hymn 523

"God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian"

And so we sang on the Day of Pentecost as the newly elected deacons and elders were ordained and installed. In the Presbyterian tradition, ordination is by the laying on of hands by the elders and ministers present and the prayer of the congregation. On Sunday, May 31 Emily Bach, Amy Bender, Judy Christofferson, Ronda Ewald, and Jim Green were ordained and installed to the office of deacon. Their ministry is the pastoral care of the congregation, with a particular focus on older members. Mike Gillard and Jennifer Vellinga were ordained and installed to the office of elder; Sara Hein, Steven Swigart, and Janice Welburn were installed, having been ordained as elders previously. The twelve elders on the Session and the ministers are responsible for the overall leadership and ministry of the church. Our prayers are with these deacons and elders as they undertake their new callings.

The Pentecost worship service celebrated many gifts. The story of the first Pentecost in Acts 2: 1-13 was read in ten languages simultaneously, so that the congregation could hear the experience of the first believers: "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages ... each one heard them speaking in the native language of each." That morning we heard French (Jim Schleif), German (Melinda Hein), Greek (Gary Hunter), Hindi (Shobha Gagrath), Italian (Jennifer Howell), Korean (Grace La), Polish (John Komasa), Spanish (Tessa Bartels), Welsh (Dick Myers), and saw the text in American Sign Language (Rick Harris). The diversity of the church was visible and audible!

Following the worship service, members of the congregation returned to the Sanctuary for a "Celebration of Gifts" program by the children of the Church School. They shared music, dance, and drama, culminating in an orchestral offering of "Ode to Joy". They invited the adults present to show their thanks with an offering to the Kandara Parish in Kenya, and an additional \$209.39 was collected for the morning's special offering to alleviate hunger there.

DINNER FOR HABITAT VOLUNTEERS**Thursday, June 25****5:30 p.m.**

An Immanuel crew is gearing up to help build new homes in Milwaukee later this month during Habitat for Humanity's "House Raising Week," June 22-26.

On Thursday, June 25, Immanuel Church will host a dinner for all of these hard working volunteers. If you would like to assist in planning, preparing, or serving this meal, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757).

THE GATHERING MEAL PROGRAM**Saturday, July 25****9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Would you like to help serve a noontime meal to those in need on Saturday, July 25? Immanuel Presbyterian Church regularly provides volunteers for this program and servers are needed from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Community Center, 35th and Lisbon Avenue.

If you cannot be a part of the serving crew, but still want to help, you may bring cookies or fresh milk to the church office by Thursday, July 23. These items will be contributed to the lunch.

Sign-up in the Parlor after worship or contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757) or Patrick Goggin (414-962-1299), for more information.

**RESALE SHOP
CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER**

With appreciation for all who have supported the shop this year, the Immanuel ReSale Shop closed its doors for the summer on Tuesday, June 2. The shop will reopen in the fall and gratefully requests that all donations be held until then.

LANDSCAPING TEAM INVITATION**Tuesday evening gatherings**

Members of the Landscaping Committee of the Board of Trustees will continue gathering on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 throughout the summer to tend to the church grounds. Immanuel members and friends who would like to assist with caring for the church grounds are invited to join them for any (or all) of these gatherings. For more information contact Patrick Goggin (414-962-1299).

**THANK YOU FOR
"TELLING YOUR STORY"**

Thank you to all Immanuel Church members who have helped *tell the Immanuel Church story, by telling your story* through a congregational survey during the month of May. The survey was written by the "Telling Our Story" team, a group appointed by the Session earlier this year. For the last several months, this group has been at work identifying important aspects of Immanuel Church's mission, identity, and reputation with the goal of sharing these things more effectively with the community. The survey responses will be an important part of this process.

We currently have responses from nearly 200 surveys, which are being tabulated in the church office. If you have not yet returned a survey, it's not too late. Ms. Cunningham, in the church office (414-276-4757), can send you a paper copy to fill out and return or a link to the survey on-line.

Look for more information in the fall as we continue to write the Immanuel story together and share it with new friends.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH EVENTS

The Membership Committee plans to host several neighborhood outreach events this summer, including a table at the Cathedral Square Farmer's Market on at least two Saturdays and a hospitality table at the 3rd of July Fireworks picnic.

If you would be interested in helping to plan and host one of these events, please contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

**NEW LCD PROJECTOR
THANK YOU TIM AND JENNY VELLINGA**

With technology continuing to improve, it has become clear in the last few years that Immanuel Church would benefit from obtaining an LCD projector for adult learning forums and other congregational programs. Immanuel members Tim and Jenny Vellinga saw the need and purchased a new projector for the congregation this spring. The projector made its Immanuel debut to rave reviews on April 26 for Ken Leinbach's forum on urban ecology. Thank you to the Vellinga family for this generous gift!

IMMANUEL'S HISTORIC ORGAN REDEDICATED

Sunday, May 17

"The glory of the Lord filled the house of God."

II Chronicles 5:14

On Sunday morning, May 17, the glory of the Lord filled the Sanctuary of Immanuel Presbyterian Church as the congregation rededicated the historic Hook and Hastings Organ during morning worship. The day began with a special prelude concert by Mr. Jensen and continued with uplifting songs of praise led by Mr. Komasa and the Chancel Choir. Dr. Block's sermon entitled, "iHarmony," reminded us that Immanuel is a congregation "that sings together and brings together," not only in its love of music but in its mission and ministry. The service concluded with a beautiful choral arrangement by Aaron David Miller of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," commissioned for a 2002 Immanuel organ rededication service. As the congregation stood to sing the final verse with the choir, the sound of the organ filled the room and voices rang with joy as the congregation was, indeed, "lost in wonder, love, and praise."

Thanks to a special article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (reprinted here with permission) over 300 people gathered for the worship service and rededication.

Immanuel Presbyterian to dedicate renovated pipe organ

By Annysa Johnson of the Journal Sentinel

Published: May 16, 2009

When worshippers at Immanuel Presbyterian Church gather Sunday to rededicate their 128-year-old pipe organ, they'll hear something they've not heard in more than a decade: Mendelssohn's Sonata in A Major.

That's because their historic instrument could no longer hit the necessary notes.

It can now, thanks to a \$140,000 replacement of the pipes' leather valves, the final piece of about \$400,000 in renovations made to the organ over the last decade.

"This congregation has been very supportive, very proud of this instrument," said organist Steve Jensen, who will perform the sonata as part of a 9:45 a.m. concert at the church, 1100 N. Astor St. in Milwaukee.

"They really see it as a vital part of the worship service."

The Immanuel organ was the work of Boston-based Hook & Hastings, the premier organ builder of its day. Built in 1881 for the long-gone Wisconsin Exhibition Hall, it moved to the church in 1901 after Immanuel rebuilt from a fire.

The latest renovation, by Illinois-based Fabry Pipe Organs, involved replacing on each of the 4,000 pipes the leather valves that open and close to create the music.

The deterioration of the leather made it impossible to hit certain notes and made for some annoying spontaneous music.

"It would start playing by itself during worship," said Jensen. "It was extremely disruptive."

Church use of pipe organs has declined in recent decades, with the growth of other liturgical music genres and the substantial cost of building and maintaining the instruments, said Dan Colburn, executive director of the Organ Historical Society in Richmond, Va.

Renovations have proved controversial in some congregations, including a few locally, where members debated the wisdom of investing in a costly instrument when they had other, pressing needs.

Not so at Immanuel, where many connect with the church's emphasis on traditional, sacred music, said Associate Pastor Rob Ater.

"The congregation feels pretty strongly about its ministry of music," he said.

THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

The Immanuel Church School wrapped up another wonderful year on Sunday, May 31 with a special "Celebrating our Gifts" program after worship, and the annual Pentecost Party.

After lunch, the children offered thanks to their teachers – in their own words – using the letters in the phrase: "Thanks to our Spirited Teachers."

T	is for terrific teachers that teach us awesome things
H	is for helping us learn right from wrong
A	is for always keeping us safe
N	is for nutritious snacks
K	is for kindness from all our teachers
Y	is for year - it's been a good one!
O	is for outstanding songs with Mr. Komasa
U	is for understanding us kids
T	is for time that they give us
O	is for overflowing with love
O	is for our... our funny teacher, Mr. Cox
U	is for Upper Room Meal - a meaningful meal
R	is for reasons that we have for going to church school
S	is for symbols with special meanings
P	is for PERKY - that's "Phyl" (Mrs. Stuart-Jacobson)
I	is for interesting stories that our teachers read us
R	is for recycle... it's important!
I	is for Immanuel's important teachers
T	is for thirsty - and we always had juice
E	is for every time we had great treats!
D	is for dancing in our Palm Sunday parade
T	is for talent show - our gifts to our teachers
E	is for excellent prayers that we say
A	is for Advent Workshop, a fun time at Christmas
C	is for Creation Sunday, when we plant flowers, feed birds, and eat dirt cake!
H	is for helping us learn
E	is for energy - you can keep up with us!
R	is for return - please come back next year!
S	is for special - that's all of our teachers

Many thanks, indeed, to all of the teachers who gave so generously of their time and talents this year:

3 and 4 year olds:	Angie Mehring, Stephanie Wesselowski, Nathan Guequierre, Nan Kim-Paik, and Jen Schultz
Kindergarten – Grade 2:	Nancy Herro, Spencer Frank, and Joell Poole
Grades 3 – 5:	Casey Cox, Amy Bender, Linda Salisbury and Phyllis Stuart-Jacobson
Grades 6 – 7:	Leigh Joost, Susan Teerink, and George Fahr

Church School will resume on Sunday, September 13.

**“SPEAKING OF FAITH:
CONVERSATIONS ON THE PORCH”
New Summer Adult Learning Opportunity
Wednesday evenings, June 24 to July 29
6:00 to 7:00**

This summer, join other Immanuel friends on the Parish House porch for lively, thoughtful discussion based on *“Speaking of Faith,”* public radio’s weekly program about “religion, meaning, ethics, and ideas.” The host of *“Speaking of Faith,”* Krista Tippett, has conducted interviews with a wide variety of people – theologians, poets, scientists – probing and inviting their reflection on where large ideas intersect with daily human experience.

You are invited to bring your experience and questions to these discussions on six Wednesday evenings this summer. Lemonade and snacks will be provided to help fuel the conversation. Topics for each week are listed below with the original airdate.

June 24 -- Obama’s Theologian: David Brooks and E. J. Dionne on Reinhold Niebuhr and the American Present (2-12-09)

July 1 -- Obama’s Faith-Based Office: Meeting Joshua DuBois (5-28-09)

July 8 -- Repossessing Virtue: Parker Palmer on Economic Crisis, Morality, and Meaning (12-11-08)

July 15 -- Repossessing Virtue: Wise Voices from Religion, Science, Industry and the Arts (3-05-09)

July 22 -- Remembering Forward: Krista Tippett on “Speaking of Faith” (1-31-08)

July 29 -- Group’s choice

Participants are asked to listen to the podcasts of these programs prior to the conversation. Podcasts can be found easily at www.speakingoffaith.org. Once you’ve accessed the “Speaking of Faith” website, click on “archive” and pull up the topic by date. Look for the “SOF onDemand” icon where you can download or listen to podcasts on your computer or download them directly to your iPod. A brief in-service on this process will be held following worship on Sunday, June 14 for those who would like help learning how to download the podcasts. For those who prefer to read Tippett’s interviews, a printed transcript of each program is available on the website, or copies may be obtained from the church office (414-276-4757).

We look forward to seeing you on the porch this summer. Plan to come for all, or just one, of the conversations – whatever your schedule allows. Invite a friend!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 18, 19, 20
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

“Creation Celebration!”

All children, from preschool through those entering grade 7, and their parents (or grandparents... aunts... uncles... friends) are invited to join us again this summer for **Vacation Bible School** – three evenings filled with fun and learning! Activities begin with supper at 5:30 for children and adults, followed by a program that includes stories, songs, crafts, and games.

The theme for Vacation Bible School this year is **“Creation Celebration!”** We will spend our time together learning about all the wonderful things God has made – the sun, moon, and stars; green, growing things; all creatures great and small – and about the ways we can enjoy and take care of these good gifts.

Vacation Bible School is a great time to reconnect with members of the church family as summer draws to a close, and as we all prepare to return to fall activities. Information about Vacation Bible School has been mailed to families with children. If you did not receive this information, and would like to participate, or if you have any questions, please contact Ms. Dow in the church office (414-276-4757). Friends, neighbors, and other relatives are also welcome to attend.

SUMMER EVENTS

Sponsored by the Parish Life Council

FIREWORKS PICNIC and ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, July 3

On Friday, July 3, Immanuel members and friends will gather on the Waverly and Parish House lawns for an Immanuel tradition of church community, good food, and fireworks. Daniel's Catering will again be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and members are invited to bring their own beverages and a salad or dessert (or both) to share. Organist Steven Jensen will offer a pre-fireworks organ recital of patriotic music in the Sanctuary. There will even be a chance to sing along. The Independence Day fireworks display over Lake Michigan will begin just after dusk. Invite a friend to this event and introduce them to our Immanuel community.

Plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m.; supper will begin at 6:30. Parking permits (one per household) and grill tickets will be available from members of the Parish Life Council for a suggested donation of \$8.00 during coffee hour on June 13, 20, and 27. Please plan to make your donation when signing up. Participants will also be able to sign-up to help with the event. (Please note: Parking permits will be distributed first to persons who purchase grill tickets. Any remaining parking permits will be available on June 27 for a requested donation of \$5.00.)

Again this year, the Membership Committee will host a hospitality table on the Astor Street steps prior the organ concert. Are you planning to attend the picnic? Would you like to help reach out to the neighborhood and welcome new friends to Immanuel? Sign-up in the Parlor or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757).

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME" Brewers Game and Tailgate Party

Sunday afternoon, August 16

Following worship on Sunday, August 16, the Parish Life Council is hosting an Immanuel trip to watch the Brewers play the Houston Astros. The festivities will begin with a tailgate party on the church lawn before boarding a bus to take us to the game. Mark your calendar today. Tickets will be available in late July for approximately \$26 (including transportation). Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757). See you at the ballgame!

The purpose of the Parish Life Council is to build toward inclusive community at Immanuel Presbyterian Church through hospitality, the arts, and congregational events and celebrations.

Special thanks to the members of the 2008-2009 Parish Life Council: Mary Bowers and Kathy Brumder, hospitality coordinators; Evelyn Ericson and Phyllis Stuart-Jacobson, special events coordinators; Carrie Van Hallgren, fine arts coordinator; Emily Bach, Kadie Dean, Jeff Grosser, Gary Hunter, Dan Janke, Nicole Janke, Pat Parks, Sharon Rose, and Judith Stevenson, members-at-large.

Mark your calendar . . .

September 6 Annual Hymn Sing, Ice Cream Social
September 8 Officers' Dinner (elders, deacons, trustees)
September 13 Christian Education Sunday, Church School begins
October 4 World Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of Baptism
will be celebrated on
Sunday, September 13.
Please speak with one of the ministers
if you desire to profess your faith
or present a child for baptism.



CONGRATULATIONS IMMANUEL GRADUATES



COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Emily Bach

*Bachelor of Science-Psychology
Carroll University
Waukesha, WI*

Fritz Brumder

*Master of Business Administration
Babson College
Wellesley, MA / Portland*

Gary Balcerzak

*Master's Certificate in
Mediation and Negotiation
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee*

Anna Miller

*Bachelor of Science-Psychology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI*

Kayt Brumder

*Bachelor of Architecture
The Cooper Union
New York, NY*

Tanner Stofferahn

*Bachelor of Fine Arts
University of Wisconsin - Stephens Point
Stephens Point, WI*

Thekla Brumder

*Doctorate of Clinical Psychology
California School of
Professional Psychology
San Francisco, CA*

Whitney Vellinga

*Bachelor of Science-Psychology
Bradley University
Peoria, IL*

HIGH SCHOOL

Erin Hagen

Shorewood High School

Jourdan Miller

Shorewood High School

Haley Stofferahn

Cedarburg High School

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Baptized** Jennifer Karen Howell, Sunday, May 3.
- Moved** Joe Coppersmith, to 2924 N. Humboldt Boulevard, Milwaukee 53212; joecusmith@wi.rr.com.
Sue Hansen, to 3014 S. 46 Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68106.
Anita Hauske, to 4845 Mueller Lane, West Bend, 53095.
- New E-mail** Susan Teerink, steerink@att.net.
- New Phone** Richard Wenzel, 414-588-4377.

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The deadline for the July-August issue of the *Tower Chimes* is Friday, July 10. Please send newsletter contributions to the church office.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

June 2009

at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

- June 7** **Trinity Sunday**
Sacrament of Holy Communion;
J.S. Bach Cantata 172 "Sing Praises!"
8:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers
9:00 Choir rehearsal
10:00 Morning Worship; Dr. Block preaching
11:00 Formal Coffee in the Church Parlor
Recognition of 2009 Graduates
- June 14** **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers
10:00 Morning Worship; Ms. Dow preaching
11:00 Coffee in the Parlor
- June 21** **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers
10:00 Morning Worship; Dr. Block preaching
Observance of "Juneteenth Day"
and the Emancipation Proclamation;
Commissioning of Habitat Build Week volunteers
11:00 Coffee in the Parlor
- June 28** **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:45 Child Care for infants & toddlers
10:00 Morning Worship; Mr. Ater preaching
11:00 Coffee in the Parlor