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God of Science and Faith

**A Three Week Exploration
of the Intersections of Science
and the Devine**

The 2010 Lenten School of Theology

**Sunday's; March 7, 14, 21
6 - 8 pm**

**St Stephen's Lutheran Church
Marlborough, MA**

**Everyone is Invited
Speak to Your Pastor for details**

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Dear Friends in Christ at Immanuel,

The weather in New England is beginning to lean toward spring. We're not there yet, but you can feel it coming. The days are getting longer. The sun's light is getting stronger. The other morning, while walking our dog through our neighborhood, I heard more birds chirping than I'd heard just a week or so before. The season of Lent, also called "springtime for the soul" begins at this leaning toward spring time of year, inviting our spirits to also lean toward the coming of Holy Week and Easter. Lent invites us to lean more deeply into God's Word for direction, to lean toward our neighbors in generosity and in all things to lean on the God who so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Since the death of Edie Carlson in mid-February, many people have mentioned how she and Carl had together always seemed like living cornerstones of this church. People noticed how in recent months, Edie needed to lean more and more on Carl as they walked into church. While that may have been so, the truth is that many of us leaned on Edie (and Carl) as models of faithfulness to Jesus and to one another and to the church. Among the most touching tributes to Edie was one I heard from Jill Zitzewitz who, like Edie, is the mother of four children. Jill mentioned how on one Sunday when she perhaps appeared closest to being overwhelmed by her tribe of little ones in the pew beside her, Edie stopped to tell her that she was doing a good job, and that she knew what it was like to bring four children to church. It was just one of many such gifts of love that Edie left behind her wherever she went. I'm sure Carl knows that he can lean on us now, and that together we will continue to lean on the hope that is ours in Jesus.

There are others among us who need to lean on us as well as we together lean toward Easter. Others are growing frail with age. Others face serious illnesses. Others struggle to raise children well. Others face important decisions about college or life after it. Despite their struggles, they are the blessed ones if they count their church as a place to turn to and lean on for support, guidance and a living hope. Many others face the same challenges and more with nothing solid to lean on or toward. This Lent, I ask you to be especially alert and attentive to people you know who seem to be leaning from life's burdens and in need of the support of a friend in Christ. Maybe there's even a stressed Mom whose heart you can touch with a kind and supportive and understanding word. As our world leans toward spring this year, invite just one such person to lean on you this Lent, and maybe our whole church can find it easier to lean toward the joy of Easter.

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Dear Members of Immanuel,

As the Council begins a new year, we thank the four very dedicated council members departing from Council (Sarah Carlson, Jen Langhill, Lori Rabeler and Mark Vetter) for their years of dedication and commitment to Immanuel Lutheran Church. And we welcome our newest Council members (Melissa Callender, Scott Gridley, Gail Raney and David Wood). Each has already made significant contributions to Immanuel over the years and we are very fortunate to have them assume new roles in our church.

The Council's annual retreat was held at the St. Clare House of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Holden. And as an added bonus to our typical team building, we enjoyed the company of the St. Francis Vestry (Council). As churches of similar size and theological background, our two leadership groups worked together for the first part of our retreat on problem solving activities to assist us in recognizing the benefits and challenges to leadership roles in our churches. We were presented with the opportunity to reflect on how Council and Vestry Members interact when presented with tasks/problems in our respective churches, to discuss some of our successes and failures, and worked to recognize the many gifts of our memberships that can assist in the leadership process. Our leadership groups will come together later in the year to continue our collaboration and team building.

This retreat also offers the opportunity for Council members to volunteer (or be volunteered) to take on specific areas of leadership for our church. We have assumed the following Team/Committee /Officer assignments for the coming year:

Melissa Callender: Fellowship, Stephen Ministry
Ken Cranson: Fellowship, Mission
Kevin Duguay: Management
Scott Gridley: Mission
Paula Janowski: Stewardship
Bob Krumbiegel: Fellowship, Management
Linda Morse: Council Secretary, Christian Education
Gail Raney: Creation Care
Sue Swanberg: Council Vice President, Nursery School Board, Safe Church
Linn Watt: Worship
Tom Wiegand: Council President
David Wood: Youth

Each of the members of Immanuel is blessed with gifts and talents. I encourage you to come to the members of Council to tell us what is working well in our church, what you feel would improve the life of our church, and most especially, what gifts you have been blessed with that can assist in the mission of our church.

Yours in Christ,
Tom Wiegand, Council President





TO GATHER PEOPLE

LENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP – SERVICES OF EVENING PRAYER **WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH, 7:00 PM**

The Pastors of four area Lutheran Churches are taking turns leading a series of five mid-week services this Lent, observing a Synod-wide Lent emphasis on the Holy Trinity called “40 days – 3 Persons – 1 God.” Each week, a different Pastor will preach on a trinitarian theme found in the events of the passion of Jesus. At Immanuel, the services will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The schedule of preachers and theme follows:

March 3 – Pastor Bob Goehrig – Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer (John 17)

March 10 – Pastor John Longworth – The Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:6-15)

March 17 – Pastor Judy Converse – The Risen Christ Breathes the Spirit (John 20:19-23)

March 24 – Pastor Andrew Borden – Jesus in Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-42)

SOUP SUPPERS AT 6:00 PM ON WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Every Wednesday in March, everyone is invited to share in a simple Soup Supper at the church at 6:00 pm prior to our mid-week services at 7:00 pm. No advance sign-up is required, except for the host sign-up sheet which is crucial to identify the five individuals, families or groups who are willing to host the suppers. Ken and Kathy Cranson have signed up to host on March 3. Eileen Connolly has signed up for March 10. As the Herald went to press, hosts were still needed for March 17 and 24. Those who share in the soup suppers are encouraged to give the money they would have spent on that meal to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

April 1: Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm
Pot-Luck lunch after the service
Prayer Vigil begins at 8:00 pm

April 2: Good Friday – Ecumenical Walk with the Cross at 12:00 noon
Walk Begins at Holden Senior Center Gazebo
Services in town-center churches at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm

April 4: Easter Sunday – Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am (in the church)
Easter Festival Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11:00 am



KOINONIA NEWS

Mustard Seed Koinonia will meet on Saturday, March 13, at 7:00pm hosted by Vivian and Ed Clarke.

Open Door Koinonia will meet on Saturday, March 20, at 7:00pm hosted by Charles and Barbara Campbell.



TO NURTURE FAITH IN JESUS

2010 LENT DEVOTION BOOK AVAILABLE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF EDITH CARLSON

The 2010 book of Lent Readings has been available since Ash Wednesday. If you have yet to pick up a copy at the church, you are welcome to do so the next time you are at the church or you can contact the church office to have one mailed to you. This year's book of daily readings has been dedicated to the memory of long-time, beloved member Edith Carlson who died on February 11. Submissions that Edie had made to the Lent Daily Readings over the past decade are included as the readings for the Sundays in Lent. Ken and Kathy Cranson were the compilers, editors, printers and staplers of the book again this year. We thank them for their efforts and we thank all who submitted readings and reflections for this year's book.

RESCHEDULED SESSION FOR EVENING ADULT STUDY: "THE LAST CHURCH SERVICE THAT YOU WILL EVER MISS"

**THE CHRISTIAN FUNERAL
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

On Wednesday, January 27, close to twenty people crowded into Room #6 for the first of two scheduled sessions on Christian funeral customs and practices. A second session, planned for Wednesday, February 10, had to be cancelled due to a snowstorm that day. That second session has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm. The session will include the opportunity to do some thinking and planning about that last church service that all of us will someday not be attending but that others we care about will. Come and share in the conversation.

SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FITNESS IN MARCH "THE APOSTLE PAUL – HIS LIFE, THOUGHT AND JOURNEYS" LED BY DAVE FARABAUGH AND PASTOR DAN WILFRID

The Apostle Paul, author of roughly 2/3s of the New Testament, is the focus of the current series of Adult Faith Fitness classes. Last month, after an introductory session led by Dave Farabaugh, Mark Vetter led three sessions describing each of Paul's three missionary journeys. In March, Dave Farabaugh will return to lead two more sessions on Paul's life and thought and then Pastor Dan will complete the series with two sessions on Paul and the role of women in the church. All sessions are in Lawson Hall's room #2. Listen for the bell calling you from Coffee Hour to class each week.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



Our theme for March is Animal Facts. Our shape this month is the diamond and the color is yellow. We're looking forward to spending more time outdoors as we welcome spring.

Registration has begun for Fall 2010 for all Full-day programs. Please call Amy for information, 829-5391.

We would like to congratulate Kristine and Andrew on the birth of their son Andrew Edmond Whittemore, born February 19. He was 6lbs 15oz and 19 ¾ inches. Both mom and baby are doing well and we wish them health and happiness.

THE CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE
LENTEN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY PRESENTS:
THE GOD OF SCIENCE AND FAITH



An Exploration of the Intersections of Science and the Divine
St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Marlborough
Sundays, March 7, 14, 21, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

March 7: God and the Wonders of the Universe

The Revd Dr David Buehler. What does the expanse of the universe—planets, stars, galaxies—reveal about the God who brought all things into being?

March 14: God and the Care of Creation

Dr Jessica Sutherland. What is our responsibility to the creation—the stewardship of our environment and its resources—as beings made in the image of God?

March 21: God and New Social Technologies

The Revd Keith Anderson. What role do emerging technologies—internet, Twitter, Facebook—play in the mission of the people of God?

Weekly Schedule:

6.00 pm Gathering, registration, and fellowship.

6.30 pm Presentation on weekly subject by guest speakers.

7:20 pm Small Group breakouts facilitated by area pastors to discuss the presentations and explore questions.

7.50 pm Devotions led by area pastors.

Driving directions to St. Stephen are available on the Lenten School brochure (available at church). Speak to Pastor Dan if you'd like to join a car-pool from Immanuel. No pre-registration is necessary. A \$5 on-site registration for the series is requested but not required.

The Leaders:

Dr. David Buehler, PhD, is an ELCA pastor. He studied theology and science at Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, and Notre Dame, and now teaches Ethics at Providence College. In 1987, his software product LEXEGETE™ received national awards at the CAMCON Six Conference in Atlanta. In 1994, he received the Templeton Prize for writing on Science, Theology, and Ethics. Author of five books and more than fifty articles, he is listed in *Who's Who in Theology and Science*, published by Continuum Press.

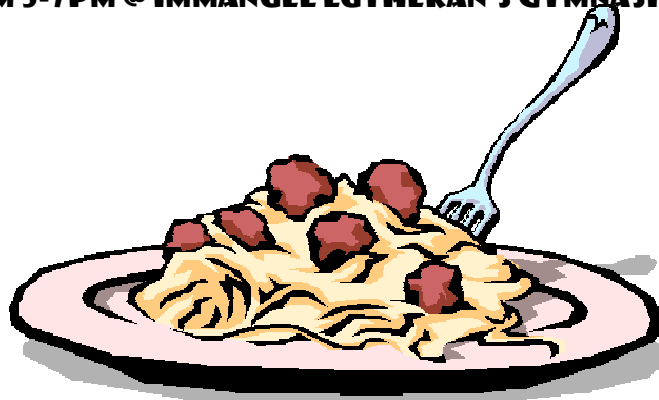
Dr. Jessica Sutherland is a Senior Scientist in Drug Development at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, MA, and a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Worcester. She received a PhD in Environmental Toxicology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and conducted postdoctoral research in the Department of Environmental Medicine at the New York University School of Medicine. She has long been interested in science and religion issues particularly with regard to faithful environmental stewardship.

Pr. Keith Anderson graduated with a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from High Point University (NC) in 1996. He attended Harvard Divinity School where he earned his Master of Divinity degree in 2000, and The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia where he earned a Master of Sacred Theology degree in Lutheran Studies in 2002. He is pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Woburn, MA, where he is developing ministry and outreach using new information and social technologies.

The 2010 Lenten School of Theology is presented by the Central Massachusetts Conference of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Learn more about us at nesynod.org and elca.org.

Spaghetti Supper!

**COMING SOON!!! SATURDAY MARCH 20, 2010
FROM 5-7PM @ IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S GYMNASIUM**



To help support Immanuel Lutheran Church's Youth Group in their efforts to raise money for our annual mission trip!

Free Will Offerings!

The senior high school youth group will be spending their April (school) vacation helping out those less fortunate than themselves. All money raised (donated) will aid us in our journey this April!!

Bring your friends & family along!!

****"Matching Funds Applied For from Thrivent Financial For Lutherans".**

YOUTH NEWS

Just wanted to start off by saying THANK YOU to all who have participated and supported our fundraising efforts so far this year! It is greatly appreciated by ALL of Immanuel's Youth (& Stephanie of course!) Only ONE MONTH left before our Mission Trip to Philadelphia, and still a lot to get done before we leave...but I know with the kids/parents/congregation that we are so fortunate to be a part of here at Immanuel, we will get everything done in time!! Spring time is almost here, & I am open to ideas and outdoor events for April/May/June, that may be on some of your minds!! Can't wait to hear from you all ☺

Upcoming Events::

Senior High (Grades 9-12)

Sunday March 7th – VIDEO GAME NIGHT!! 5-7pm *Guitar Hero, and whatever else you want to bring along! This was a lot of fun last year, and already drawing a lot of attention for this year! I would just need someone to offer to bring in their game system to hook up to the TV in the youth room, please! If we get two people willing to bring in their system, we can use another TV and have a tournament or something!! Snacks to be provided!

Saturday March 20th - **Spaghetti Supper** Prep from 3-5 & dinner from 5-7. We will be splitting into shifts so it's not such a long night for the kids. This will be our last fundraiser before the Mission Trip, so invite EVERYONE you know!!!

Junior High (Grades 6-8)

Sunday March 7th – Monster Mini Golf!! 2:30 – 4:30 *Indoor Mini Golf, in Webster. This is a fun place to go! It costs about \$7 to play, & there is a small arcade inside also, so plan ahead!

Saturday March 20th – It's our spaghetti supper! You are welcome to participate in the kitchen with the SR high or just enjoy a delicious spaghetti & meatball dinner!! We'd love to see you there!!

LIPY (Grades 6-12)

Sunday March 14th – Care Packages for the Mission Trip! 5-7pm *Just like last year, we will be gathering at Bethlehem Lutheran in Sturbridge to put together some care packages that we will be bringing along with us on the Mission Trip in April! If you participated in the Mission Trip last year, you know how much these little packages mean to the people that are receiving them!! –PLUS we will be having pizza too ☺ If you are not coming on the Mission Trip, it is still a fun event and we would love to have you come along!

Sunday March 28th – MANDATORY Mission Trip Meeting 7 – 8:30 @ Zion Worcester. If you are confirmed for the trip this year, you MUST attend!

COME HAVE A BLAST "UNDER THE BAOBAB TREE" AT OUR VBS THIS SUMMER!



VBS is back at Immanuel for 2010! Please mark your calendars for the week of August 9-13. We are in the planning stages of creating an opportunity for the children of Immanuel (and friends) to learn about God's glorious world, featuring His African creations. Stories and activities will center around the themes of Trusting, Loving, Following, Caring and Sharing God's love. Plan to bring your enthusiasm and be a part of this week experiencing God's Great Get-together!

We are looking for a few more dedicated adult volunteers to make this VBS a success. We would love some of the older youth to be involved, too. If you can look into your heart and find the way to support this ministry for our youth, we want to hear from you!! Please join the VBS planning team in bringing back this valuable summer experience to our church.

Yours In Christ,

Kathy Cranson, Amy Herlihy, Jackie Rhonemus, Diana Provencher, Sandy Bardon and Pastor Dan

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

January Average – 61 students each Sunday

January 3 – 38

January 10 – 64

January 17 – 75

January 24 – 66

January 31 – 60

Congratulations to the 15 students with perfect attendance in January!

Jeffrey, Julie, Andrew, & Samantha Bardon; Isaac & Eliana Bilsel; Holli Carlson; Abbey, Kyle, & William DeNorscia; Connor Herlihy; Andrew & Elizabeth Langhill; Jake Lorusso; Jacob Saulnier

MARCH LESSON SCHEDULE

Preschool – Grade 3

7th – Daniel in the Lion’s Den (*Daniel 6*)

14th – Jesus Tells Us Not to Worry (*Matthew 6:25-34*)

21st – Jesus Enters Jerusalem (*Matthew 21:1-11* God)

28th – Jesus is Risen! (*Matthew 27:32-66, 28:1-10*)

Grade 4 – The Sacraments

Grades 5 & 6

7th – Parable of the Fig Tree (*Luke 13:1-9*)

14th – The Prodigal Son (*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*)

21st – Mary Anoints Jesus (*John 12:1-8*)

28th – Holy Week (*Luke 19:28-40; 22:14–23:56*) & The Empty Tomb (*Luke 24:1-12*)

WONDER LEAGUE YOUTH GROUP



The next event will be Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt; it scheduled for March 21st from 2-4pm. Each child should bring a dozen filled eggs. During the event, children will make Easter crafts and take turns hiding their eggs for others to find. A parent volunteer will be needed to help chaperone the event (no planning

necessary).

Coming up next month: Board Game Day on April 18th from 2-4pm.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT SUNDAY

March 7th is the next Something Different Sunday when Immanuel’s Sunday School teachers meet for an adult class together. The teacher’s class will meet in Room 2 (above Lawson Hall) at 10:00.

There will be something different for Sunday School students as well:

Opening Time for Preschool – Grade 1 will be a Veggie Tales “Daniel and the Lion’s Den” movie, then the children will go to a shortened class.

Opening Time for Grades 2-5 will be a Greatest Adventures “Daniel and the Lion’s Den” video, then they’ll go to a shortened class.

Grades 6 – High School students will meet in Room 5 (behind the kitchen) for the Bible Version of the game Apples to Apples.

Girl Scouts will be hosting coffee hour and selling their cookies.

YOU CAN NOW REQUEST PRAYERS ON-LINE AT IMMANUEL’S WEBSITE

The online Prayer Request form on www.immanuelholden.org is now active. Praying hands on the Home page serve as a clear and simple link to the form. An e-mail generated from each entry form will be sent to Pastor Dan and to Ken and Kathy Cranson, leaders of Immanuel’s on-line prayer chain. As always, prayer needs can also be called in to the church office or given directly to one of the pastors, but the on-line form opens up the invitation to anyone who visits our website to seek the prayers of the church. Many thanks to our webmaster, Curt Wickman, for setting up the on-line prayer request option on Immanuel’s website.



TO GROW IN GOD'S LOVE

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR MINISTRY – MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

What kind of legacy do you plan to leave behind? Most of us want to believe our contributions in life will outlive us – that we will leave a positive legacy. Many of our hopes for making a lasting difference are centered on family, children, grandchildren or our life's work. But as Christians there is another aspect to legacy thinking we need to consider. That is the work of Jesus' church. In addition to family and work, Immanuel Lutheran Church has provided a way for you to make a difference in the future outreach ministry of Jesus Christ's mission. At our 2009 annual meeting we established the Mission Endowment fund for the purpose of funding future outreach ministries in our Lord's name. This support is not for buildings or balancing the budget of our congregation, but, rather, for "special projects" outside of normal operating budgets. Once our Mission Endowment Fund reaches \$50,000, 5% of the fund balance will be distributed annually. The congregation at each annual meeting will have the joy of directing this expenditure for mission work beyond the operating budget of the congregation. *This will be our legacy to future generations.* How can you be included in this work? How can you "leave a legacy" for the future work of mission in Jesus' name? The simple answer is to "join in the fun" -- help build up the Mission Endowment Fund so that we can begin distributions. Gifts of cash, stock, securities or property to the fund can be made at any time. Future columns of "Leave a Legacy for Ministry" will give other specific suggestions and ways to leave your gift for this mission work. See Pastor Goehrig, rggoehrig@verizon.net or 508-853-8466, for further information.

SIX BOY SCOUTS WORKING TOWARD "GOD AND CHURCH" AWARD



Six young boys from Immanuel are working with Pastor Dan and their Boy Scout leaders toward earning the "God and Church" scouting award. The boys are Sabri Bilsel, Brian Lindberg, Thomas Lindberg, Sean O'Connor, David Pankratz and Stephen Wood. They have already met for two class sessions and a third session is planned for Palm Sunday afternoon, March 28. To earn the award, each participant will have needed to read the Bible daily for one month (reading the entire Gospel of Luke), offered themselves as a leader in worship, attended worship in another tradition, and share in a service ministry of the church. Together the group will also produce a video to be shown to their parents at an award dinner in late April.

MARCH 7 WILL BE GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

The coffee hour on Sunday, March 7 will be hosted by Immanuel's Girl Scouts. Several of the girls are also planning to sing an anthem in worship that day.

TWO IMMANUEL YOUTH INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Christina Provencher and David Wood, both Juniors at Wachusett Regional High School, were recently inducted into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations, Nina and David!

March Happy Birthday

- 3 Robert Finnegan, Jari Kansanen
- 5 Jake Lorusso
- 6 Volker Braun, Brandon Monaghan
- 7 Kenneth Cranson, David White
- 8 Heidi Kvinge, Laurie Lane
- 9 Morrison Beck, Melissa Ciociolo, Kim Krumbiegel, Paula Mathieu, Samantha Strandgaard

- 10 Gregory Mills, Joyce Olson
- 11 Eileen Connolly, Donald Gustafson, Madeleine Kansanen, Anthony Rappa
- 12 Paul Moran, Edith Pierson
- 13 Sandra Duguay, William Lemay
- 15 Sara Laidlaw
- 16 Sarah Carlson, Beverly Morrilly, Roland Olson, Amanda Salerno
- 17 Karin Brewer
- 18 Jennifer Strandgaard
- 19 Kaylie Senecal
- 20 V. Bradford Lawson
- 21 Jennifer Robertson
- 22 Mark Miller, Jacqueline Rhonemus
- 23 Kristina Allaire, Homer MacNutt
- 24 Timothy Finnegan
- 25 Mary Jane Rasku, Gail Wiles
- 26 Charles Campbell, Dean St Cyr, Anna Terry, Sierra Tucker
- 27 Katherine Cranson, Leighann Farmer
- 28 Margot Olson
- 29 Cynthia White, Andrew Wiegand
- 30 Michael George, Jay Maki, Susan McGuiness

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

4	Andrew & Kellie Brewer	15
5	Jeffrey & Leighann Farmer	5
5	Nathan & Heather Trudeau	5
13	Wesley & Evelyn White	66
17	Charles & Karin Brewer	59
27	Kenneth & Katherine Cranson	39

Thank You! 

We are blessed by all our wonderful members – their kind deeds, words, and support -- but today we'd like to especially say thank you to:

- ...Everyone who joined Manny Lu's Crew at Florence House on February 13, painting 5 bathrooms in two hours!*
- ...Ken and Kathy Cranson for soliciting, collecting and compiling the daily readings for Immanuel's 2010 Lent Devotion book.*
- ...Charlie Faucher for providing our communion wine.*
- ...Nordgren's Memorial Chapel for providing the candles for the "everlasting light" in the chancel.*
- ...the Mangsen family who donated stamps, ink, crayons, pencils and colored pencils to Sunday School.*
- ...Everyone who made donations to Haiti.*
- ...to Marion Anderson, Lois Dahlin, Dot Holton and Phyllis Krumbiegel for helping with the February Herald mailing.*
- ...and all who provide many hours of service to the care, nurturing and guidance of our congregation and church.*

LETTERS & NOTES

Men's Ministry and helpers from Immanuel,

Thank you so much for taking time to come to the program and so some painting. The bathrooms look great! We love the colors; it cleans the appearance up and looks nice. We appreciate it!

♥ *Justine Tringal and Florence House residents and staff*



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Immanuel family extends its deepest sympathy to Carl Carlson and his family following the death of Edith Carlson on February 11. A funeral service for Edie was held at Immanuel on Sunday, February 14.



OUR "AT HOME" MEMBERS

Holden: **Frank & Lillian Gustafson, Everett & Barbara Hultquist, Norma Mellor, Edith Pierson, Edith Swenson**

Princeton: **Lillian Twarog**

West Boylston: **Evelyn White**

☺ **REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS in NURSING HOMES**

Doris Carlson

Coleman House
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Northboro, MA 01532

Helen Davis

Holden Rehab. & Nursing Center
32 Mayo Dr.
Holden, MA 01520

Penny Roy

Odd Fellows Home
104 Randolph Road
Worcester, MA 01606



TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**SIGN UP TO SERVE AT
JOHN STREET SOUP KITCHEN
SATURDAY, MARCH 27**

Immanuel prepares and serves a mid-day meal to the clients of the John Street Soup Kitchen in Worcester on the last Saturday of every-other month. The next opportunity to serve is Saturday, March 27. Bill and Erika Higgins will be leading the effort. Visit the sign-up sheet in the lobby of Lawson Hall if you'd like to join them. First-time volunteers are promised all the orientation and support they may need.

**REPORT FROM BRENDA SMITH ON
UMASS MEDICAL TEAM TRIP TO HAITI!**

Hi Church Family,



We got back late last night. Glad to see toilet paper, my bathtub and running water. We saw over 1,000 souls in 4 days. Rest of week was preparation in D.R. LaRomana mission council Good Samaritan Hospital. We paid a fee and they took care of us they had connections in Haiti at another Christian mission in port au prince. In Haiti if you are not part of a parish/church, you are dead.

We went to different parishes at request of their Pastors and set up clinics. We had 6-8 providers at a time with interpreters and we gave out meds for pain, blood pressure issues, antibiotics , vitamins child/adult prenatal vitamins. We had a wound care station where I worked and saw some terribly infected wounds not treated since 1/12/09. By the grace of God we had 2 orthopedic surgeons and we helped them do incredible procedures to save limbs and lives. We rescued some dehydrated babies, taking one to Port au Prince tent hospital and walked right into a post partum woman who was in convulsions from eclampsia. The OB doctors had the RNs start magnesium sulfate. They came back to the truck to get me to help with dosing . It was in strange units of international measure so I went by volume. We then had to get out of there, giving the mom of a dehydrated baby some money for a taxi ride back to her parish where her pastor was watching her other child. Lots of strange family units remain (fathers watching young children,

grandparents left with babies).

We also gave out crutches ,sunglasses, prenatal and regular vitamins. We wormed everyone except pregnant women and infants under 6 months. We gave antibiotics for infections. We had pain medication (tylenol and ibuprofen), salves for wounds, scabies and head lice. We provided a touch from our hands to work on wounded hearts. We are not heroes. Others have done more than us.

We helped some but the devastation in the country is TOTAL. The people are broken. They have belief in God but in someway feel that they caused this to happen. Many are superstitious and either believe in or are scared of voodoo. We were there one month after the earthquake and the pastors of country called their people to start 3 days of prayer. The night before, they requested that we join them and abandon our medical mission and stay and fast and pray at the compound. We talked about it and decided to go work .We went to a close-by parish and the pastor announced our arrival and said they could come to us. We saw 200 people that day in 4 hours.

It was difficult to stop seeing patients, but we had to go to get back over the border into D.R. The trip to La Ramana is 11 hours over terrible road. We were taken in troop carriers to the parish tent cities and felt secure there because we were under protection of the mission and pastor of that area. We also had several EMTs and paramedics who acted in many roles one included security at the gates. The journey was rough on us physically, mentally, spiritually still we all felt called to go. Our group included 30 workers from Indiana, Michigan, Alaska, Maine, CT, MA, Utah, Tennessee, Haiti and the D.R. In just one week we bonded to do wonderful work.

We will never forget this experience. I personally feel blessed to have served my Lord in this manner. To those who think they may be called to assist in Haiti: the people there will need help for many years. Our mission went from Good Samaritan Mission Council GSMC, 800 Main St., Suite 126, Holden, MA 01520. Contact : angela.suderman@abc-usa.org. Our MDs OB/GYN: Dr Avi Fischer and Dr Tiffany Moore Simas had done work through this mission before so our contacts were easily made. I have to sleep now. Blessings to all. Thank you for all of the donations left at church. I brought them all in our luggage. We left heavy came back light, both of luggage and heart.
- Brenda J. Smith

ASK "MANNY LU!"



[We thank our resident artist, Jim Provencher, for putting a "face" on Manny Lu for us. Now you can keep your eyes open for Manny whenever you are around the church!

If you have a question about life at Immanuel, about the Christian Church and its teachings, or exactly what a "synod" is, just ask Manny Lu! A Manny Lu question clip-board can be found outside Pastor Wilfrid's office. Manny stops by regularly to check for new questions.]

Dear Manny Lu,

Who is Lawson Hall named after? Was he a famous basketball player?

Signed, Justin Quisitive

Dear Justin,

I don't know if Axel Lawson was much of a basketball player, but he was Immanuel's founding Pastor, moving to Holden with his family in 1928 to start a new church among the Swedish Lutheran immigrants in the area. Pastor Lawson led worship in Swedish during much of his tenure here. English services began in 1936. Pastor Lawson served Immanuel until 1939. His picture, along with those of Immanuel's other Senior Pastors, is on the hallway wall between our current pastors' offices. Lawson Hall was named in his honor when it was built in 1967.

Glad you asked, Manny Lu