



# THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

August 2016

As I write this article I am thinking about a whirlwind and wondering where does it start?

Did this mission start the moment we left on Sunday morning? How about the moment we paid the deposit? Or did it start somewhere in the middle, like when I realized that the Gospels from the last few weeks were happening all around me. That the texts from Galatians and Colossians could be found in the words of those serving next to me. I know maybe it was when we went to worship, singing songs or listening to scripture and

Wore Jesus shirts every day.  
Led 33 people (kids) to Christ (or candy....)

Did a mission trip.  
Sponsored a child.  
Memorized 6 bible verses.

Went above and beyond by Tithing 10.25 % of all my income.

Every time the church doors are open I am there.

Prayed at all meals, even in restaurants.

Helped ALL the old ladies cross the street.

when needed.  
talked to us



the message given by our young leaders who stepped out of there comfort zone to fill in One of the construction leaders named Mark about being a Super Christian. The boxes on the left were all the things he told us he did. The more he told us the more extravagant the things got, the more he emphasized that he did them better because he was a super Christian. Then as he tossed the last box on the pile, it tumbled and fell. As he picked up the boxes they revealed that he was doing these things to mask his sin. He said, "These are the things we use to hit God's mark, our actions say it as does our words". But our



6:6 "We know that our old self was order that the body of sin might be brought to would no longer be enslaved to sin." The way Mark presented his super Christian qualities was a stark contrast to the sins that they were hiding. He reminded us to keep our eyes on Christ, He does not condemn us, He wants the world to be redeemed reminding us of what Paul wrote to the Romans (3:23-25) "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received

by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins." And this was just one of the 11 messages we heard that week. But were they the best part?

PRIDE

Theft Lust Greed

Slander

No apathy for others

Porn Sex

Our church groups met after the service each night to talk and reflect on the day and the week, what did we do, learn or hear that has had an impact on us. I admit I loved those great conversations, the laughter and the tears, the amazing things that God was doing through each of us each day. That certainly could have been the best part but without all of us going out to serve in the two of the poorest counties in America.

Whether it is serving the community through day camps for the local children, or helping someone improve their quality of life through a building project or going out into the community to mow a yard, stock the shelves at a local food bank or deliver hot meals. Without those experiences, without the reality of the mission of Big Creek to transform both mind and body. To provide instances for true transformation not just the exercise of good morals but about being open and obedient to God and His will. Knowing that true faith in God sometimes will lead us to be at war with our mind, body and culture. Remembering that when you don't measure up, do not see it as failure but rather as an opportunity for growth and discipleship.

Is it knowing you do not do this alone, that God is with you each step and that He has provided you with others, collected together into the body of Christ, brothers and sisters to rely on and walk with? Is that the best part? Is it when someone opens up to you and tells you their difficulties? Is it watching someone pray for a stranger, out loud, for the first time? Is it watching someone face change after you say the words God bless you? Is it in the words of a silly song be sung to someone who needs to hear words of encouragement and know that despite what is going on you appreciate all that they do?

Or was it the words of encouragement that were written and the prayers being said as we embarked on this week long journey through what it means to do mission? Or is it something I have neglected to mention? Like that whorl wind everything keeps spinning around and in the end my favorite part has to be the whole thing, for without one part (the reasons we went, what Big Creek had in mind and what God does through us) this becomes just a trip to Kentucky rather than an opportunity to be God's hands and voice to all those we came in contact with. Which means it is not just a certain age group or a certain skill to do mission but having a willing and obedient voice and hands.

I as well as all who went, are very grateful for the support shown, the prayers said and the opportunity to go. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Cindley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

## HEALTH NEWS

**August – Gender Differences in Medical Treatment:**

*“There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.” I Corinthians 12:5,6 NLT*

When diagnosed with the same illness, historically men and women were given the same prescriptions and procedures. Does that make sense? You know you are different and now, so do researchers, pharmaceutical companies, and physicians. In the last decade, they have begun to look at genetic differences between men and women and how those differences impact treatments and procedures. They have discovered that varying levels of estrogen and testosterone as well as differences in inherent risk-taking behavior impact the tendency for certain illnesses, levels of severity, and treatment of choice.

Genetics cause differences in body weight, organ size, and body fat which impact how medications are processed, what dosage is required, and how effective they are. Because of physical differences, women tend to require smaller doses than men. The level of sex hormones in men and women can impact a medication’s effectiveness as well as the size of the liver or kidney that processes the medication. In both situations dosage adjustments may be required. For example some antibiotics tend to be more effective in women while anesthesia tends to be longer lasting in men. These differences can cause challenges for physicians looking for the right therapeutic dose.

Previous research was conducted on men while the newer studies are concentrating on women’s health, risk factors, and treatment options. Results show that women have more headaches than men, delayed cardiac problems, higher risk for diabetes from smoking, and greater difficulty with breaking the smoking habit. The good news is that women tend to seek health care before men will – especially for mental illness.

Studies on the treatment of health issues in women continue. If you have a health concern, ask

your physician about new options and recommendations for women. Examining female tendencies and risk factors may you help find your solution.

*(Source: Society for Women’s Health Research [www.womenshealthresearch.org/](http://www.womenshealthresearch.org/))*

## WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

**"Borrowing from the popular slogan, "Can you hear me now?" I ask you, "Can you see this now?" Are you reading this to yourself, is someone reading it to you, is the lamp shining brightly on the text, are glasses or contacts assisting, are you stretching your arms just a bit longer, or are you bringing the text a little closer? Whatever the case, I am hopeful you're focused."**

This month’s Women’s Bible Study from Lutheran Women Quarterly is having us learn about focusing. What we are focusing on and what we should be focusing on. The study is available in the Women’s Bible Study mailbox by the fridge. I printed them on yellow paper to make them easier to find. We start meeting again on August 30th (not the usual date but there is a lot going on in August and to miss having any conflicts we moved it this month only to the last Tuesday).



**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Church Council met on July 19, 2016.

**Committee Reports**

**Evangelism** - The committee will hold a special event in conjunction with the "Blessing of the Backpacks" on August 14<sup>th</sup>. PRIDE Sunday will encourage members to dress casual and wear apparel to support their favorite school or team. Showing our PRIDE will help us remember:  
Put God first

Remember to thank Him daily  
Include Him in your activities  
Deliver His message  
Every blessing comes from God

**Parish Education** - VBS was a success. On average, there were 65 students that attended each day. Roughly \$1,060 was raised in offerings. Casey reported that she is tidying up any loose ends and passing all information off to the new coordinator, Darcy McMahon.

**Fellowship** -

Donuts during the coffee hour will be stopped for a few weeks. Instead of donuts, Blake will be recruiting members to donate various refreshments.

**Property** -

Diedam's provided us with an estimate in regards to the repairs needed to fix the water damage on the church. The bid to stripe the parking lot has been received and that work will be completed this summer. The Roofing Dog should be here this week or next week to complete their work. The contract for propane has been signed with Hicksgas.

**Worship** -

Positive feedback was received in regards to the "Golf Cart" Sunday.

The "With One Voice" hymn books have arrived.

**Unfinished Business**

The Youth Mission Trip went really well. Some students helped with children, others with construction, and some were out helping in the community. Pastor Cindy commented on how great the fellowship was amongst the students, especially after the evening worship service. Attendees are planning to put together a presentation for the congregation.

**New Business**

The speakers for Mission Festival have been finalized. Pastor Eddy Perez will speak Saturday night and Sunday morning. Pastor Barb Busboom will speak on Sunday evening. Pastor Eddy Perez has written a book, "Blowing Wind", which is on sale now. Copies are also available in the library.

**Date of next meeting: August 23, 2016**

**HOLY COMMUNION**



We will celebrate Holy Communion at Brookstone on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. and at Country Health on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. We invite you to join us even if you do not have a loved one living there. All are welcome.

**HYMN SING & DEVOTIONS**

We will have a hymn sing at Country Health on August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Busboom will have a devotional service at Country Health on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**OSTFRIESIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY**

The Ostfriesian Heritage Society will gather on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST**

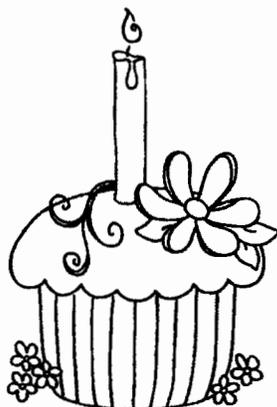
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The newsletter deadline for September will be Friday, August 19, 2016. You may mail or bring your newsworthy items to the church office or email them to [flatvillesecretary@wigi.us](mailto:flatvillesecretary@wigi.us).

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Our warmest wishes for a blessed birthday are sent to you on your special day!



8/1 ..... Esther Kopmann  
 8/6 ..... Jo Ann Duitsman  
 8/8 ..... Clarissa Schluter  
 8/8 ..... Judi Studer  
 8/10 ..... Carolyn Flesner  
 8/11 ..... Elmer Huls  
 8/14 ..... Robert Tuller  
 8/16 ..... Virlon Suits  
 8/31 ..... Bernice Loschen

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

Euchre was enjoyed on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Join in the fun on the third Sunday of each month. All levels of expertise are welcome. We also play other games or you can bring your own. The next tournament will be on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Diers Hall. Please join in the fun and fellowship.



**June's scoreboard:**

High Score- Rosetta Suits  
 Low Score- Janice Duitsman  
 Most Loners- Delmar Grussing  
 Most Pokes- Earl Smith

**July scoreboard:**

High Score- Elmer Christians  
 Low Score- Julie Erlich  
 Most Loners- Erna Mennenga  
 Most Pokes- Darlene Johnson & Irene Roelfs

**ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE & JULY**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<b>8:30</b>	
6/5	33	152	185
6/12	22	165	187
6/19	20	172	192
6/26	18	129	147
7/3	27	112	139
7/10	17	104	121
7/17	26	203	229

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Immanuel's Parish Nurses will be offering free blood pressure screenings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. If you would like to participate, please come to Pastor Lehmann's office across from the Historical room.



**SHUT-INS**

Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

**Brookstone Estates**

- Dora Ehmen
- Norma Flesner
- Dorothy Fruhling
- Lela Huls
- Emilie Steffey



**AUGUST STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

Our stewardship project for the month of August will be School Kits for LWR. The items included in a school kit are as follows:

Four 70-sheet notebook of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" by 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper

one blunt pair of scissors

one 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

one pencil sharpener

five unsharpened #2 pencils with eraser

one eraser, approximately 2 1/2" long

one box of 16 or 24 crayons

five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



**Country Health Nursing Home**

- Alma Ackerman
- Emma Bergman
- Abbie Demien
- Esther Kopmann
- Arlene Peavler
- Margie Wolken

**Holly Brook, Savoy**

- Norma Reitmeier

**Knights Templar Home**

- Margie Huls

**Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria**

- Donna Flessner

**Homebound**

- Elvin Ackerman
- Clara Graham
- Arnold Hinrichs
- Marguerite McDonald
- Hilda Swanson - in Arizona

### CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation students and their parents are invited to a Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Please meet in the sanctuary. A letter with more details will be mailed soon.



Nick Franzen and Kellie Wilson were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, July 16, 2016, here at Immanuel, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann.



We are looking forward to seeing all Sunday School children on August 30, 2015 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. for Promotion Sunday.

# JOY

JOY (6<sup>th</sup> & 7th Grade)

Thank you to all the awesome kids (you know who you are!) that joined us last month to demonstrate the Power of Teamwork!! I thought it was a blast - and hope you enjoyed your day too! We were all given gifts from God, to use to worship him and help others. God wants us to work together as a team to be so much more powerful! The MVP of any team couldn't win a baseball game, or a basketball game, or a dodge ball game - without the help of his/her teammates! We all need each other and the qualities we bring to the table.

On Friday, August 19 from 6pm until 9:30am the following morning, we invite 6th and 7th graders to a **Lock-In** at the church! Bring indoor/outdoor gear, your comfiest bedding, and your bedtime stuffed animal for some fellowship, worship and fun! We will serve dinner and breakfast, and invite you to bring a favorite game to share.

Please RSVP to Pastor Cindy or Jennifer Wayland 217-202-3406



**JOY BELL CHOIR**

Joy Bells will begin practice on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Our rehearsal time is 6:15-7:00 p.m. We welcome new ringers to join our bell choir. We would love to have young and old; men and women, join us to serve our Lord with the beautiful sound of the bells! Feel free to call Laveda Clem at 694-4528 or just come to a practice on Wednesday evenings!



**YOUTH CHOIR**

Beginning September 7<sup>th</sup> and every Wednesday evening following, Youth Choir will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. for practice. There will be singing every third Sunday of the month, starting in October. Grades 3-8 are welcome. We hope to see you all then! Thanks! Erin Siuts

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED**

The Sunday School department is looking for a teacher or co-teachers for the High School class beginning this fall. If anyone is interested please contact Sue Calhoun or Judi Studer. Also, if you have not done so yet, please submit your email address to [flatvillesundayschool@hotmail.com](mailto:flatvillesundayschool@hotmail.com) for Sunday School updates and information.



**CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

Choir Practice Resumes.....Save the Date.....Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Retreat: A period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study and song.**

Join us Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am, as we gather at Penfield Club Hall in Penfield, IL for a Choir Retreat.

We will start practice around 9:00 a.m. and sing for about an hour and a half. After practice we will gather for lunch, which will be provided. Spouses are welcome to join us around 11:00 - 11:15 for the lunch.

We welcome new members....like Da \_\_, Na \_\_, Je \_\_\_\_\_ and anyone else who would like to join us in singing praises to our Lord and King.

Looking forward to a Wonderful Morning.....Please Join us. In His Service Together.

**THANK YOU**

We were very pleased with the success of the July 17<sup>th</sup> golf cart/vehicle parade to the worship service and luncheon. We Thank All who participated and made this event happen as it did. The parade of carts coming down the road was a welcome sight. It was great to see everyone talking to each other as they arrived. This event had the side effect of causing people to take the time to talk to each other. This fellowship leading into the service reinforcing the connections we have with each other as a church, the body of Christ. Then the fellowship continued as we made our way to lunch watching the storm roll in from that shed, which only encouraged us to spend more time spent with each other. Reminding many of the good old days. Suggestions were made that we do an event like this every year. If anyone is interested in helping next year we encourage you to contact us.

Thanks To ALL!  
Sylvia Flessner and Judith Kopmann



### HILDA JULIA HULS

Hilda Huls completed her baptismal journey on June 3, 2016, at Country Health Care & Rehab, Gifford. Funeral services were at Immanuel on June 6, 2016, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS, and Pastor Cynthia A. Bisser, STS. Committal was at Beckman Cemetery.

### STEVEN RICHARD BRUNS

Steven Bruns completed his baptismal journey on June 4, 2016, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services were on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS, and Pastor Cynthia A. Bisser, STS. Committal was at Beckman Cemetery.

### ELDRED EDGAR SCHMIDT

Eldred Schmidt completed his baptismal journey on July 3, 2016, at Heartland Health Care, Paxton. Funeral services were on July 9<sup>th</sup>, at Immanuel by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS, and Pastor Cynthia A. Bisser, STS. Committal was at Beckman Cemetery.

### JOHN WILLIAM HULS

John Huls completed his baptismal journey on July 17, 2016, in St. Joseph. Grave side services were at Beckman Cemetery on July 21, 2016, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS, and Pastor Cynthia A. Bisser, STS. .

### DARIUS DEAN HARMS

Darius Harms completed his baptismal journey on July 21, 2016, at Presence Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services were on July 25, 2016, at Immanuel officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS, and Pastor Cynthia A. Bisser, STS. Committal was at Kopmann Cemetery.

### *The Blowing Wind*

Pastor Eddy Perez is our mission festival preacher. In his book, *The Blowing Wind*, Perez “has written a tension-filled firsthand account of his delivery from death to life in Christ. The autobiographical conversion story emphasizes the workings of the Holy Spirit’s transformative power, which took the author from a mostly unchurched childhood through a young adulthood strongly influenced by the sneaky sway of culture and evil forces of false religions; brought him to faith in Jesus and a firm renunciation of Satan.” (From the back cover)

Two copies of this book are in the church library. (If you want your own copy, contact [www.solapublishing.com](http://www.solapublishing.com).) Please learn about Pastor Perez before he comes to Flatville!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Sunday School dates to remember:

**August 21st-** Teachers only meeting with training and Q and A session following the worship service. Please look over the materials/lessons for your class before this meetings.

**August 28th-** Teachers and Parents meeting following the worship service. We will be handing out memory work for each class level and discussion is encouraged. A letter will be coming out soon to explain in more details.

**September 4th-** Promotion Sunday as well as Rally Day. We invite parents to come with their children to meet their teachers and see their room. Light refreshments will be served.

**September 11th-** Sunday School begins.

**September 25th-** We will have the 3 year old reception. Parents be looking for a letter with more details.



### BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Blessing of the Backpacks will happen following the service on August 14<sup>th</sup>. All students of any age and teachers are encouraged to bring their backpacks, bags or briefcases to receive a blessing as the new school year begins. This blessing reminds us to turn to God in all we do, to calm us before a test, to give us strength to concentrate on a difficult task, to thank Him for blessing us with times of fun with friends.

### P.R.I.D.E. Sunday

August 14<sup>th</sup>

So all you  
Mustangs  
Trojans  
Rockets  
Tigers  
Indians  
Panthers  
Sabers  
Bunnies  
Eagles  
Spartans  
....and all the rest  
show your school  
colors!

Put God first  
Remember to thank Him daily  
Include Him in your activities  
Deliver His message  
Every blessing comes from God

- ✓ Come casual.
- ✓ Wear your favorite team or school PRIDE shirts on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Students – Don't forget your backpacks for blessing of the backpacks!
- ✓ Let's give the word PRIDE a whole new meaning!



**Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers**

**AUGUST 2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lay Readers</b>	<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Sunday, 8/7</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>	  Josh Burkhardt Daniel Suits	  Lloyd Duitsman	  Lois Harms  Ranae Buck Janna Buck	  Les & Debra Siuts Dr. David Bruns	Captian: Bruce Wolken Kelly Wolken Adam Crites Rodney Bergman
<b>Sunday, 8/14</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>  <b>8:30AM</b>	  Karsten Wayland	  Jennifer Wayland		  Mary Quinlan Jake & Marla Goff Family	
<b>Sunday, 8/21</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>  <b>8:30AM</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>	  Austin Cotter Hallie Harms	  Edgar Hoveln	  Denise Wolken  Diana Sjuts Rylee Sjuts	  Janice Duitsman Larry & Eunice Frerichs	
<b>Sunday, 8/28</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>  <b>8:30AM</b>	  Brayden Karlson	  Mike Stark		  Darla Rubarts Jason Stalter & Family	

***If you are not able to attend at the time scheduled, please attempt to find a substitute, if possible. If unable to do so, please contact Rodney Bergman, [rpberg@wigi.us](mailto:rpberg@wigi.us) or 217-568-7269. Thanks!***



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