



October 26, 2007

Dear Immanuel families:

Here is an update from Lutheran schools and churches in the southern California area where wildfires are occurring. Please keep these people in your prayers.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of you are asking about the fires, and while news coming in slowly, here is what I know at this time from the pastors/principals/directors of the schools near the fires:

Zion, Fallbrook – Nancy Swanlund reports: Prayer is so powerful. The church and school are fine at this point, but the winds have changed and now are heading back from Camp Pendleton into Fallbrook. They still have the city under mandatory evacuation. We are waiting more news about houses -- the fire was very close to so many. Pastor Demel reports that 5 families have lost their homes that they are aware of. Thanks for your continued prayers.

Ramona Lutheran – Nancy Knight reports: We are still under a mandatory evacuation. I am aware that Vivian Baker (teacher aide at school) lost everything. Her home is destroyed. Church Secretary Bev Michaux also lost her home to the fire. Two students called her to let her know their homes “burned up”.

Pilgrim, Chula Vista – Peter Halvorson reports: School is closed for the remainder of the week, but we are not aware that any of our families’ homes have burned yet. The air quality is very difficult to deal with. The area to the east of them is burning.

Christ, La Mesa – Xavria Schwarz reports: School is closed probably for the remainder of the week. She is not aware of any families who have lost homes, but it is burning all around them.

Grace, Escondido – Sandy Zielinski reports: School has been closed all week. So far, there is no damage to church or school. Many of our families are evacuated, but we have not heard yet of any loss of property.

Community Lutheran, Escondido – Pastor Vogelsang reports: Yesterday was a day of meeting needs – housing needs, personal needs, etc. We are waiting for everyone who was evacuated to return and see how their property is.

Faith, Vista – Joe Henkell reports: All of our families at Faith are safe to this point- a few have been evacuated, but no houses lost. We are keeping horses that were “evacuated” on our property.

St. Paul’s, San Diego – Pastor Jim Henkell reports: We are collecting water, food, and supplies to take to QUALCOMM Stadium where over 500,000 evacuees are being sheltered. So far, our people are out of the fire’s path.

Mt. Olive, Poway – Cannot reach pastor or preschool director yet.

Abiding Savior, Lake Forest – Carolyn Sims report: School is closed again today. The air quality is extremely difficult for children and for anyone with respiratory conditions. Some of our school families’ homes are in areas very close to the Santiago fire.

Redeemer, Ontario – Dave Oleson reports: Redeemer School is still in session for now. I haven’t heard of any of our families in immediate danger. The smoke is heavy and outside activities have been cancelled due to poor air quality. Lunch and recesses are inside to help alleviate a problem for those students and adults with asthma and bronchial problems. We will keep you informed should anything that affects us directly occur.

Some of these folks sounded “down” and tired. Please pray especially for these leaders and all that they are dealing with.

The fires in northern San Diego (SD) County are still burning pretty much out of control. Two fires merged in northern SD County. One new fire is now in Camp Pendleton. The Santiago Fire in Orange County is only 30% contained, and has burned in Irvine, Portola Hills, and is now in Trabuco Canyon. Over 600 square miles in Southern California has burned or is burning. We are getting relief from the fires north of LA in Malibu, Castaic, Santa Clarita, and Canyon Country. We don’t know yet the status of our Lutheran Camp in the mountains of Lake Arrowhead. We are also hearing wonderful stories of help and assistance for families from our churches and pastors who are working so hard and providing grief counseling! Lutheran Social Services has been wonderful. It’s a very hard, scary time, but our God is mighty!

We know of one pastor, two teachers, one teacher-aide, one church secretary, and many families in our schools that have lost their homes to the fires. Thank you all for your prayers and concern. Please continue to pray for the situation!

The District has a Fire Fund for our churches, schools, and members. At this time, specific needs are being assessed. Until staff and members are able to return to their property, financial assistance would be appreciated. You can send a check directly to the Pacific Southwest District office and indicate that it is for the Fire Fund. Our PSD E-News is also providing periodic updates on the fires.

Again, **thank you all** for your prayers, partnership, concern and compassion.

Connected in Christ, in His service,

Rachel Klitzing
Executive Director of School Ministries
Pacific Southwest District

Did You Know?

Statistics on Non-Public Education in the United States

1. About 5.12 million students are in private schools, approximately 10% of all US elementary and secondary school students (2003-04)
2. Over 28,000 schools are private, approximately 23% of all US schools (03-04)
3. About 82% of private school students attend religious schools, and 18% attend nonsectarian schools (03-04)
4. About 76% of private schools are religiously affiliated, and 24% are nonsectarian (03-04)
5. Tuition averages about \$4,300 for elementary schools, \$10,600 for secondary schools and \$6,900 for combined schools (03-04)
6. About 1.1 million students were homeschooled in spring 03, approximately 2.2% of US students ages 5-17, with a grade equivalent of kindergarten – grade 12.

(US Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics)

END OF FIRST QUARTER -- The end of the first quarter is today. Teachers will prepare report cards so that they will be handed at Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 15 & 16. In order to receive the report card, parent will need to attend. I am confident that the results of the Stanford Achievement Test will also be available at that time.

In Christ,

David Ingwersen

HALLOWEEN – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31 – Costumes should not be worn to school. The students will have time to change into their costumes before the parade. Please be reminded that no scary or demonic costumes or toy weapons will be allowed. The Walk-A-Thon/Parade will start at 12:45 p.m. followed by Principal on the roof. Please check with homeroom teachers for classroom party schedule.

REMINDER

No bus service on Tuesday, November 6, 2007

HALLOWEEN WALK-A-THON – W O W !!! A huge THANK YOU to all of those who went out and got pledges for the Walk-A-Thon; we raised over \$1,000!! The winner of the ice cream party is the 2nd grade class with Kindergarten and 4th grade tied for 2nd place. Don't forget the Walk-A-Thon is being held Halloween afternoon.

TUITION (K-8) BILLING STATEMENT UPDATE – Beginning in November, tuition statements will be mailed home only to families who have still not paid the current month's tuition. Monthly tuition charges are posted on Fast Direct the first school day of each month. Payments are posted on Tuesday afternoons. If the payment is not received by the 15th of the month, a statement will be printed and mailed from the office to remind the parents that the payment is now past due. Families who are current on their tuition will not receive a paper statement in the mail. Tuition, lunch, registration, and extended care payment information is always available on Fast Direct. If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the school office 815-459-1444.

LIBRARY CORNER – We are about to put that Principal of ours on the roof AGAIN . . . Please encourage your student to read as many books as possible for this event. First graders have already read more than 200 books! Can we reach that 500 mark? Come on out on the 31st and watch the fun!

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM – We meet to serve . . . to show Jesus’ love and care for others. We’ve made cards, pumpkin prayers, and fall “Jesus Loves You” planters for the ill, elderly and Sgt. Schar. Next we plan to decorate pillow cases for cancer patients. If you have a pillow case or two that you would like to donate, please give them to Miss Hansen or Mrs. Lawin. The items the children make are appreciated and cherished. Someone dropped us a card today telling us that the card made by the child brought them to tears. Please pray for those in need – our sick, elderly and servicemen/women.

ILS BASKETBALL PLAYERS – Please be reminded you must turn in your “Emergency Card” and signed “Code of Conduct” before your first practice. Jr. Varsity Girls, Jr. Varsity Boys and Varsity Boys start practices on Monday!!
Mr. Becker & Miss Hansen

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR FIRST QUARTER -- Chapel offerings will be going to two places our first quarter of the school year. **Monetary offerings** will be sent to the **American Cancer Society in honor of Kevin Koenig**. We will also be collecting **items for the Koenig family to take to Rush Hospital**. When asking the family “how we as a school can help,” Mrs. Koenig responded with an idea to help all of the children in the pediatric ward. She suggested that we could collect the following items: **new board games, colors and coloring books, puzzles, colored pencils and drawing paper, picture and chapter books, kids’ pillowcases, and colorful socks**. Items can be brought in any day of the week. Let’s fill the Koenig van with lots of items of love from the Immanuel School children.

LACROSSE, ANYONE? We have received information from a local Lacrosse league concerning leagues and workshops available. Programs are available for both boys and girls starting at age 4. If interested in receiving more information, we will be happy to provide you with the literature we received or you may check out their website at www.nwslax.org. (Please note website has been corrected from last week’s misprint. Sorry for any inconvenience.)

THE FOUNTAINS OF CRYSTAL LAKE is providing free, safe trick-or-treating down their halls on Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00. They will also have refreshments, face painting, and a haunted house! The Fountains is located at 965 Brighton Circle West, CL.

MANNA!! We have some inventory available in the school office for “cash and carry”. Check it out – we may have just what you’re looking for!! The Manna dates for the fall are as follows:

Orders Due

Monday, November 5

Monday, December 3

Pick Up

Friday, November 9

Friday, December

In addition, beginning Sunday, November 4th, and continuing the first Sunday of each month, Manna cards will be available for purchase during the Sunday School/Mid-Pointe hour at the Sunday School registration desk. Orders taken on Sundays will be ready for pick up the following Sunday at the Sunday School desk.

If you have any questions, please contact Joni Haldeman (815-459-4275).

MARKET DAY – Thank you for all of your Market Day orders this month! We’re looking forward to seeing you when you pick up your Market Day order this Saturday, October 27, between 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. You can find us in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions please contact Mary Matthei at 847-669-5513. Thank you for your continued support of Market Day at ILS.

"The Altar & The Door Tour" featuring Casting Crowns with Leeland & John Waller

NIU Convocation Center
1525 West Lincoln Highway
DeKalb, IL 60115

Sunday, December 2nd
7:00 pm: Show \$20

Please let Cindy Ibbotson (concerts@imcl.us) know if you are interested by
Tuesday 11/20/07

You must pay to reserve a seat.

JAMZ-Jesus and Me Zone

Our next large group gathering will be November 4th at 9:30 in the Church. Please bring your children directly to the Church that morning. Our lesson will have something to do with a big fish! All Parents are welcome to attend.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS – PLEASE TURN IN ONLY THE UPC PORTION OF THE SOUP LABELS. IF THE LABEL IS TURNED IN WE DO NOT RECEIVE CREDIT. ANY BOTTLED PRODUCTS SUBMIT ONLY THE CAP. Questions-call Jane Sotos 815-479-1966

MISSION TRIP TO TIJUANA, MEXICO -- *Informational Meeting November 4* -- It is time to gear up and run to the boarder (not Taco Bell). The first planning/information meeting will be held **Sunday, November 4 at 12:15 p.m. (following the 11 AM service) in the church.** The trip is open to current 8th graders through Adults. Our Tijuana trip is scheduled for August 1-8, 2008. Pastor McCoid and Brandy will be leading the trip. At this meeting we will share basic information, answer questions and past participants can share their memories/stories from past trips. We will be building two houses and leading a VBS at each work site. This trip promises to be a wonderful experience and opportunity to minister to others. It's an incredible experience and you will be changed like you can't even imagine. Fundraising opportunities are ongoing for the youth to earn money for this trip. Call Ginny @ 815-459-1441 for any fundraiser information. Please prayerfully consider joining Pastor McCoid and Brandy on this trip.

YOUTH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER -- On November 5th, Youth Ministries will be doing a fundraiser with Georgio's Pizza in downtown Crystal Lake. Stop in for great pizza or other menu items and 15% of your bill comes back to youth ministries. Please mark your calendar and pick up a flyer to take in with you. Flyers are available in the school office. *You must have the flyer to get credit. See you there!

ILC Youth Activities (Grades 6 – 8)

THANK YOU! To all the families who came and worked at the spaghetti supper/talent show and to all those who came and ate we want you to know we appreciate your support of youth ministries here at Immanuel. Thank you also, to our talent folks. What a great job you did!

JR. HIGH YOUTH NITE this week is "youth nite goes to the fall festival". Bring your friends and enjoy the fall festival here at ILS.

RICHARDSON'S CORN MAZE TRIP: Sign up today! We're going October 27th -- leaving the church at 6:30 pm and returning at 11:00 pm or so. Cost is only \$12 for all the fun. Bring your friends but sign up today so we plan appropriate transportation. If you are a parent and are willing to drive I'd love to hear from you too! This is open to all students grades 6-12 and their friends. We'll finish the nite with s'mores and devo time. Call or email Ginny today: 815-459-1441 or gillich@imcl.us.

YARD WORK CREWS COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD -- We have teens signed up to do yard work on November 3rd. If you would like to join a crew, sign up with Ginny now! If you have yard work that we can do for you... for a monetary donation to youth ministry we will send a crew to rake your yard etc. You can call Ginny to sign up to get a crew too!

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!! Immanuel Crystal Lake Panther decals are in the office! They are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. You can use them on your car window or stick them on just about anything! Show your **Panther Pride** all over town!!

THE GREAT POSTCARD RACE – The 3rd grade class needs only **3** more states in the Great Postcard Race. Please help our class get the last 3 states: Delaware, North Dakota, and Mississippi. Thanks! Mrs. Tieman and the 3rd graders of ILS

Immanuel Lutheran Church Worship Services:

Saturday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
JAMZ, Confirmation & Mid-Pointe	9:30 a.m.

Lunch items offered daily are:

Hot Dog on Bun	Chicken Patty Sandwich
Salad Entrée	Soup w/Roll
Pepperoni Pizza	Cheeseburger

The November menu going home today indicates that the Deli Sandwich is an item to be offered daily. This is NOT correct. The Soup with Roll is offered daily in its place.

SCHEDULE AND LUNCH:

Saturday 10/27 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. Market Day Pick Up

Sunday 10/28 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fall Festival

Monday 10/29 **Pork Rib Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Brownie, Milk**
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

Tuesday 10/30 **Cheese Quesadilla, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Fruit Mix, Cookie, Milk**
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

- Wednesday 10/31** **Vampire in a Coffin, Bats Broth, Boney Fingers, Slippery Slime, Witches Brew**
8:00 a.m. Chapel
12:45 p.m. Walk-A-Thon
- Thursday 11/1** **BBQ Rib on Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk**
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
- Friday 11/2** **American Sub, Baked Chips, Celery/Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Milk**
- Monday 11/5** **Meatball Sub, Tater Tots, Corn, Fruit Mix, Brownie, Milk**
Vision & Hearing Screening
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
- Tuesday 11/6** **Enchirito, Spanish Rice, Corn, Churro, Milk**
NO BUS SERVICE
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
- Wednesday 11/7** **Pizza Burger, Potato Rounds, Corn, Applesauce, Milk**
8:00 a.m. Chapel
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
- Thursday 11/8** **Dinosaur Pasta, Tossed Salad, Breadstick, Peaches, Cookie, Milk**
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
- Friday 11/9** **Chicken Parmesan, Tossed Salad, Breadstick, Mixed Fruit, Milk**