



November 2, 2007

Dear Immanuel families:

Collecting Family Stories

November is Family Stories Month. This may be an opportunity for parents to share their family history as well as their faith history. Here are some suggestions for sharing those stories.

Family Stories: Family stories are tales about people, places, and events related to the members of our immediate family or their ancestors. Family stories casually chatted about at the dinner table, or regaled again and again at family gatherings can parallel great epics or notable short stories. The memorable stories of our lives and of others in our family take on special importance because they are true, even if everyone tells different versions of the same event. These tales are family heirlooms held in the heart not the hand. They are a gift to each generation that preserves them by remembering them and passing them on.

Listening: The first step to collecting family stories is to become a good listener. Good listeners encourage great storytelling. When a speaker feels that the listener is interested, he or she is more inspired to communicate generously. A good listener gives full attention to the teller, does not interrupt or contradict the facts of a story as it is being told, and offers the teller encouragement with an interested facial expression and body stance. When a teller feels encouraged by an interested listener, there is joy in the telling.

Interviewing Elders: An effective way to hear family stories is to ask questions. Family stories can be collected by interviewing a family elder. Make a mental or written list of topics that might generate some questions to ask the elder.

Questions about: People, places, events, objects, important transitions, work, or travel can be story starters. Although short-term memory may sometimes be limited in the oldest of relatives, long-term memory may be very much intact. We need to help the teller journey back in time to retrieve these treasures.

Interview Questions Here are some effective questions that might encourage elders to remember their stories.

Collecting Family Stories Interview Questions

At a family gathering, such as a holiday celebration, a birthday party or a family visit, take time to tell stories about the family. Or, arrange a special visiting time when an interview session can happen. Having a tape recorder available is an enjoyable way to listen to the stories again. Be sure that the tape player works, that it can be inconspicuously placed so as not to make the speaker nervous, and that you have plenty of extra tapes available. Pay as little attention to the tape as possible and give full attention to the teller!

Afterwards, make a copy of the tape or punch out the tabs on the sides so that the tape cannot be erased.

Interview questions about Places To Remember:

- Can you describe the house in which you lived when you were a child?
- Do you remember the room in which you slept as a child?
- Can you describe the houses in your neighborhood?
- Where was your favorite place to visit when you were a child?
- Where did you go to school? What was in the classrooms?
- Where did you go to worship?
- Where did you go to shop for food or clothes?
- Where did you go for fun and recreation?
- Where did you go when you wanted to hide?
- Did your family ever move?
- Describe the house you lived in when you were first married.
- What kind of utensils did you have in the kitchen?
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To be continued next week

In Christ,

David Ingwersen

REMINDER

No bus service on Tuesday, November 6, 2007

HEALTH INFORMATION -- Many of us have seen or heard recent media coverage concerning MRSA or methicillin-resistant *staphylococcus aureus* infections in school aged children. We have received information from the health department regarding this subject. Practicing good hygiene is one of the most important things that everyone can do to control and prevent the spread of staph and other infections:

- Keep your hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
- Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages.
- Avoid sharing personal items such as towels, razors and water bottles.

Additional information concerning MRSA is available at
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/MRSAinSchools/>.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held the evening on Thursday, November 15 and the afternoon of Friday, November 16th. Please see the conference time forms going home today with each child (K-8). Please select your conference time choice and return to your child's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, November 7th. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENTION 3RD AND 4TH GRADE PARENTS – The 3rd and 4th grade choir will be singing in church on Sunday, November 4th at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please meet Mrs. Helm in the church lower level at 10:40 a.m.

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 – I'm starting to get ready for Adopt-A-Book coming later this month . . . it's a great opportunity for us to leave a legacy in this library and especially to provide new reading material for our students. Jan Smith, a dear friend from church, dropped by to bring us a book that she purchased for our students. It's called In Jesse's Shoes by Beverly Lewis. This is a heartfelt story about a little girl who has a disabled brother and learns to understand and appreciate him in a new way. Thanks for sharing, Jan!! Just a note: The children and I often pray and ask Jesus to help us in locating a "lost" book . . . after all He knows where they are . . . recently, two books were found that had been missing for almost a year . . . we decided He said "WAIT".

IMCL COOKBOOKS -- The 7th and 8th grade students are taking orders for the IMCL cookbook titled ***Faith, Family, Friends and Food***. Our cookbook contains over 300 delicious recipes from our school and church families. We are selling our cookbooks at the pre-sale price of \$15.00. Once the cookbooks arrive they will be sold for \$20.00. We have an estimated ship date of December 12 - just in time for Christmas! How do you order these treasured keepsakes? See a 7th or 8th grade student. They will have preorder forms available-checks made payable to Immanuel Lutheran. Or order in the school office. Pre-order forms are also available online at the IMCL web site. Don't miss out! Order early! Thank you for your support.

PRINCIPAL ON THE ROOF was an outstanding success! The 3rd grade class challenged the students to read 500 books during the month. Instead, students at Immanuel Lutheran School read over 1000 books during the month of October! WOW! Keep reading and learning! Thanks to Mrs. Lawin for coordinating the event and encouraging students to read.

DINNER NIGHT OUT – Our next Dinner Night Out event will be held on Wednesday, November 14th at Red Robin, Algonquin. Watch for more details to be sent home soon!!

Did you know that you can order Red Robin gift cards from Manna??

The cards are available for \$10.00 each.

Why not order gift cards using the Manna program to pay for your dinner at our Dinner Night Out event on Wednesday, November 14th??

Cards ordered on Monday (11/5) will ready for pick up on Friday (11/9) – now that's a great idea!!

Double the FUNdraising!!

MANNA!! Manna order forms are going home today! Orders and payment are due Monday. Delivery will be Friday, November 9th. We also 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 7

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 to everyone who supported our November Market Day sale and hope that you enjoyed your pies and cheesecakes! Remember that if you purchase 1 roast and 2 holiday side dishes in December you will receive FREE Gingerbread Men. Your order is important to us so please look for your December order sheet to come home or visit www.marketday.com to see the great selection of Market Day foods. Thank you for supporting Market Day at Immanuel Lutheran. Mary Matthei, 847-669-5513.

FANNIE MAY – Watch for the information coming home next Friday, November 9th!! Check out the wide variety of Fannie May candy that will be available to be ordered and purchased from this fundraiser at less-than-retail prices. ***Yes, you will be able to buy Fannie May candy from Immanuel cheaper than at the Fannie May store!*** Make your Christmas list and check it twice! Delivery of your yummy order will arrive before Christmas. Profits from this fundraiser will help offset the cost of the Washington DC trip for our 7th and 8th grade students.

"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

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!!

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.

ILC Youth Activities (Grades 6 – 8)

JR. HIGH YOUTH NITE will meet at 4:00 in the THEATER this week. See you there!

NOVEMBER 18TH YOUTH NITE OUTING: Join us for the Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe (Narnia) presented by CYT. We're getting tix for 11/18. We'll leave here at 1:00 for a 2:00 showing at Huntly High School. Here's the trick... I need reservations and ticket money by this Sunday 11/4 so that I can buy the tickets. I know this is short notice but we just got the information. Tickets are \$10 each including transportation. This will replace all regular youth nite activities for that week. Call or email Ginny NOW! Thanks! You can bring the money to confirmation/Sunday School this week and give them to Ginny in the cafeteria. We have students (Taylor and Cheney Wright) in this production so please come and cheer them on!

CONFIRMATION: If you have a student in confirmation and have not paid your \$30 fee for this year, please do so this week. It is now past due. Thanks!

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!

NOTE OF THANKS! As we enter the month of Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment and say thank you to everyone who has in any way shape or form supported youth ministry here at Immanuel during the past year. Whether you are a student, a parent, a member of the congregation, or an ILS school family, YOU are Youth Ministry. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Ginny

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:

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
Monday 11/12	Hot Dog on Bun, Potato Rounds, Corn, Peaches, Cookie, Milk 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity & 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 11/13	Nachos w/Beef Crumbles, Vegetables, Grapes, Teddy Grahams, Milk Hearing & Vision Re-screen 2:00 p.m. PTL Meeting – Mobiles 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity & Varsity Girls Basketball Practice 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

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Wednesday 11/14 **Waffle Sticks, Sausage Patty, Orange Section, Cinnamon Roll, Milk**

9:20 a.m. Chapel

Dinner Night Out @ Red Robin, Algonquin

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity & 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 11/15 **Rotini Pasta, Bread Stick, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk**

ADOPT-A-BOOK

Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

4:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Game at Immanuel, Dundee

5:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Immanuel, Dundee

Friday 11/16 **EARLY DISMISSAL – 11:00 A.M. – No Bus Service Home**

ADOPT-A-BOOK

Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences

Varsity Boys Basketball @ Fox Valley HS Tournament