



November 9, 2007

Dear Immanuel families:

Collecting Family Stories (Continued from last week)

Interview questions about People To Remember:

Who lived in your house with you as a child?

- How many brothers or sisters lived there?
- Can you describe your father or mother as you remember looking at them when you were small?
- Who visited your house when you were young?
- Any relatives remembered? Grandparents or Aunts and Uncles?
- Who were your favorite cousins?
- Who were your neighbors?
- Did you have any favorite teachers?
- Who was the best cook in the family?
- Who was the smartest, richest, kindest, or most religious?
- Did anyone in the family have some unusual characteristics?

Interview questions about Life Events:

Immigration: When did the first family member come to America? Where did they come from? How did they get here? Are any family members still abroad?

Courtship: How did you meet your spouse? How long did you know each other before you were married? Can you describe your wedding?

Work: How did you earn a living when you were young? What was your first job?

Holidays: What were your favorite holidays? Did you have special holiday customs or foods?

Vacations: Did you ever go on a vacation? Where? Who went with you? What did you do for fun?

Births: Can you describe the birth of your son or daughter? Where were you? Who was there? How did you choose his or her name?

Daily Life: How did you travel from place to place? Did your family have a car? What were your favorite pastimes? How did your children behave?

Interview questions about Objects:

Photos: Go beyond the edges of the photo when looking at family pictures:

Where was the picture taken? Who took the picture, for they are not in the photograph but must have been in the place? Why were the people in the photo gathered? How are they related? Why were they together at this moment? What were they doing?

Jewelry: Who wore the jewelry? Why was it given? Did it mark a special occasion?

Utensils or Family Recipes: Who used it? Where did they live? How was it used?

Furniture: Where was the furniture originally? Can you describe the rest of the house?

Interview questions about Important Transitions:

Try devising some of your own questions about these topics: Birth in the family, Growing Up, Change of Jobs, New Houses, Going Off to School, Getting Married, Funerals in the Family

Tips:

Ask **where** the story took place.

Ask **who** was in the story.

Ask **what happened** in the story.

These types of questions may lead you to hear a family story that has a clear setting, believable characters, and a plot. "How did it end?" may offer a conclusion.

Grandchildren Interviewing Grandparents:

When grandparents are encouraged by their grandchildren to speak about their own children when they were young, a child is offered an interesting perspective on their own parents.

Their Parents Were Once Kids Too!

More interview questions and story collecting tips can be found in an outstanding workbook "Telling Your Own Stories, " by Donald Davis. Available from: August House, PO Box 3223, Little Rock Arkansas, 72203 (800-284-8784).

In Christ,

David Ingwersen

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held the evening on Thursday, November 15 and the afternoon of Friday, November 16th. Conference times for students in grades K-5 are going home today. Conferences for grades 6 – 8 will be conducted in the gym during the time frame you indicated on your conference form.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16
11:00 AM DISMISSAL
NO BUS SERVICE HOME
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

SCHOOL PICTURES ARE GOING HOME TODAY!!
Retakes have been scheduled for
Tuesday, December 4 at 8:00 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 – Adopt-A-Book happens every year during our November Parent-Teacher Conferences. We order about 100 new books for the library and people from school and church are asked to purchase one or two of them. A book plaque is put into the book honoring that child or family or in memory of someone. You take the book(s) home to read and return it by Christmas to be a part of our library. Nice way to leave a little legacy!! Today we read books adopted by Isaac Davidson, Stephanie Kearley, Laura Waclaw, Mark Pedersen, Cindy Ridge, Andrew Siler, and Jan Smith. The students often check the plaques to see who supports their reading habit . . . please think about adopting a book or two this month!! Also, if you would like to help with this effort, please see Mrs. Lawin. Thanks!!

IMCL COOKBOOKS -- Don't miss out - the cookbooks are going fast! Pick up cookbooks for grandmas, aunts, friends, anyone on your Christmas list. Don't forget a copy for your kids as a keepsake from their school days at ILS. The preorder price of \$15.00 ends on December 9. Cookbooks after that date will be \$20.00 The company has given us a ship date of December 12 so they should arrive just in time for Christmas! There are several ways to order: Through a 7th/8th grade student, in the school office, on the IMCL website, Mid-Pointe or after church services on November 10/11, November 17/18, and December 1/2 and December 8/9. Sample some of the recipes at the fellowship coffees following the December 1st 6:00 pm service and the December 9 11:00 am service. Thank you for supporting the 7th/8th grade students!

DINNER NIGHT OUT – Our next Dinner Night Out event will be held on Wednesday, November 14th from 4 – 8 p.m. at Red Robin, Algonquin. Fliers are going home today! **FLIERS MUST BE PRESENTED TO YOUR SERVER FOR IMMANUEL TO RECEIVE CREDIT!!**

MANNA!! We also have some inventory available in the school office for “cash and carry”. We will be offering **two order dates in December**. The Manna dates for December are as follows:

Orders Due

Monday, December 3

Monday, December 10

Pick Up

Friday, December 7

Friday, December 14

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

GREAT POSTCARD RACE is now complete. The 3rd grade class has collected postcards from all 50 states. The last state (North Dakota) arrived Tuesday, November 6th. We received over 230 cards! Thanks to each of you for all your assistance in this project. We had so much fun receiving all the postcards! The 3rd grade students are now experts on the geography of the USA! If you would like to have a postcard that was sent to you, see Mrs. Tieman.

CALLING ALL LADIES!! All ladies of Immanuel Lutheran School are invited to the first ever *Advent by Candlelight*. It is an evening of focusing on the true meaning of the Advent season that will be held Wednesday, November, 28th at 7:00 PM at the Pointe. If you would like more information or would like to attend, RSVP to stieman@imcl.us. Seating is limited, so contact Sharon Tieman soon!

ILS ALUMNI SEARCH -- ILS is working on a project to find Alumni of our school. We have class lists from many graduating classes of the past. We are locating Alumni of ILS to invite them to events, ask for their support, and reconnect them to our school. Additional help is needed to find the alumni. If you would like to help search the internet or if you have information regarding past students, contact Sharon Tieman.

FAMILY FALL CLEAN-UP! Clean-up of the McHenry Avenue campus starts next Saturday, November 17 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring rakes, shovels, gloves, a couple trashbags, leaf blowers/extension cords, a few paper lawn/leaf bags, and lunch money. We will start on campus, break for lunch, and resume at the Koenig's house. With Kevin in treatment for cancer, the Koenig's are short a few leaf rakers this Fall--thankfully, as One Body, we have plenty! Join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a fun day--"many hands make light work."

YEARBOOK AND SCRAPBOOK PICTURES – We are looking for pictures to use for the school scrapbook and the 2007-2008 yearbook. If you have any photos that we could use, please send them into the school office. We will accept actual photos or pictures on a CD. We could use photos from anything related to school, such as the following: chapel, field trips, sporting events, class parties, concerts, first day of school, special events, etc. Thank you for your help!! Tarna Eskoff

CENTER FOR THE GIFTED has provided us with brochures for their upcoming winter programs. If you are interested in a brochure, please contact the school office. You can also obtain information on their website at www.centerforgifted.org.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM is Immanuel's annual Christmas gift to the Crystal Lake and the surrounding community, and while most of us see "Journey" as a simple re-enactment of the event surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, this event is a huge undertaking. Hundreds of man-hours will be needed to repair costumes, repair the sets, publicity, setting up, taking down, and many more hours will be needed the nights of the event: **Saturday, December 8 (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and Sunday, December 9 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)**

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: publicity, entertainment (singers, bell ringers, readers & more) setting up and taking down sets, animal transportation, housing and feeding; refreshments and cast supper, arranging for permits and traffic assistance from the city, costume and prop managers, actors to play the non-speaking roles, and lighting and sound supervisors. For those who have already stepped forward and said "here I am", Thank you! For those still to come -- Welcome!

Setup will be on Friday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m. All sets, except the stable, will be taken down the week after the production; the stable will be removed after the holidays.

For more information on Journey or any of the opportunities or to volunteer, contact coordinator Ginny Illich at 815-459-1441 or gillich@imcl.us.

MISSIONS – Please bring in new or gently used plain pillowcases. Kids of the Kingdom will decorate them for cancer patients. We need them by Tuesday, November 13. Thank you!!

MARKET DAY – Our profit for November was \$495. How wonderful!! In December, Market Day has an exciting offer that you won't want to miss! When you purchase 1 roast and 2 holiday side dishes in December you will receive FREE Gingerbread Men. Place your order online at www.marketday.com until NOON on Wednesday, December 5th or return your order form to the school office by Monday, December 3rd. Don't forget to check out the Web Clearance items for some great deals. Thank you for supporting Market Day at Immanuel Lutheran.

FANNIE MAY – Catalogs and order forms are going home today!! Check out the wide variety of Fannie May candy that is available at less-than-retail prices. Yes, you can buy Fannie May candy from Immanuel cheaper than at the Fannie May store. Think Christmas gifts! Think teacher gifts! Delivery of your yummy order will arrive before Christmas. Orders and money are due back to the school office on Monday, November 26. Thanks!!

"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.

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!!

ILC Youth Activities (Grades 6 – 8)

NOVEMBER 18TH YOUTH NITE OUTING: We have a few signed up to go to Narnia (the CYT production). We'll leave at 1:00 pm from the church. The production is at Huntley High school. This event replaces all youth night stuff for that Sunday.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! To all who joined us at Georgio's for Pizza on Monday night we had a full house! What a great time and we raised \$171.00 for youth ministry! I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate your support through this fundraiser.

GIFT WRAP TIME IS HERE! I'm taking sign ups! The schedule is:

December 21st:

Borders Crystal Lake, 3:00 to 6:00 and 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Barnes & Noble Spring Hill: 6:00 – 10:00 pm (double the staff because they have 2 stations)

Borders Algonquin: First shift filled 8:00 to close is open

December 22nd:

Borders McHenry 9:00 am to 10:00 pm (approximately 3 hour shifts)

Barnes and Noble Spring hill 10:00 am to 10:00 pm (approximately 3 hour shifts)

December 23rd:

Borders McHenry 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Borders Crystal Lake 3:00 – 9:00

Borders Spring Hill 2:00 – 10:00 pm

Call Ginny to sign up today! This is a great way to earn some serious \$\$\$ for those retreats or trips you want to go 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!

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 11/12	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 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
Wednesday 11/14	Waffle Sticks, Sausage Patty, Orange Section, Cinnamon Roll, Milk 9:20 a.m. Chapel 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. 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
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

**BASKETBALL TEAMS – PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR COACHES REGARDING
SCHEDULED PRACTICES DURING THANKSGIVING BREAK!!**

Monday 11/19 **NO SCHOOL**
5:15 – 6:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

Tuesday 11/20 **NO SCHOOL**
5:15 – 6:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

Wednesday 11/21 **NO SCHOOL**
7:00 p.m. Worship

Thursday 11/22 **THANKSGIVING DAY**
NO SCHOOL
10:00 a.m. Worship

Friday 11/23 **NO SCHOOL**

