

# Immanuel Messenger

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September 2010

*A Word from the Pastor*

## Holy Cross/Homecoming Sunday

Choir and Sunday School Resumes  
Barbecue during Coffee Hour  
Sunday, September 19, 2010

As I sort things out, the historic occasion for Holy Cross Day is not quite the same thing here at Immanuel as our spiritual yearning to acknowledge the cross of Christ. According to the *Manual on the Liturgy* for the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, Holy Cross Day dates back to the dedication of a basilica built by Emperor Constantine in Jerusalem in 335. It seems to me that that is interesting, but not quite the reason we sing out the hymn “Lift High the Cross” in mid-September each year.

Yes, we have all of Lent and Holy Week to emphasize the Cross of Christ. But I think we sense that that is not enough, that we want in other seasons too to remember the holy Cross. Our life’s hope and direction depend on that Cross. The Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the flock laid down his life on that Cross. He bids us follow him in such costly love. The cross, then, is an immense matter for us, signaling both our salvation and our discipleship.

That is why it is good to start off the school year and our marshalling of Choir, Sunday School, and Congregation in September with celebration of the Holy Cross. It is a matter of first things first.

I hope you had a good summertime, with a right fair share of fun, rest, and travels. Our summer liturgies have been good, thanks to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth, our cantors, and congregations. But I am always eager for this time of year, when we all gather again. It will be very good to see you in church. God be with you always.

In Christ,  
Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

# Homecoming Barbecue

Coffee Hour, Holy Cross Sunday, September 19



This year's Holy Cross Sunday is also going to be good because of a courtyard barbecue we are planning for that day. Many of us have good memories of last summer's barbecue following one of the Sunday evening liturgies. This one is scheduled for Coffee Hour this September 19, Holy Cross/Homecoming Sunday.

The church will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, soda and beer, but everyone is invited to bring along either a dessert or barbecue-type salad (potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, etc.) No need to notify us of what type of dessert or salad you'll be bringing. Welcome, everyone!

## Thank You to the Crew of Our "High Seas" Vacation Bible School



Our voyage on the High Seas VBS began each morning with the song, "Our journey begins... into the Word of God." This was truly a spiritual journey of love. We sailed off with our eager learners to visit Peter in prison, then we sailed along

with Paul to the island of Malta. We continued our journey as we watched Peter and John heal the beggar. Finally, we joined the Community of Believers. Thank you to everyone who made the VBS program a success. Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the pancake supper which raised the money for our program. Thank you to all the members who assembled, decorated and organized the VBS program during the Coffee Hour. Thank you to all the volunteers who came during the week who helped with crafts, snacks, music, games and cleanup: First, a special thank you to Captains Karen Bazik and Lara Simone Bhasin who guided us through our Bible voyage, to Captain Paul Sigrist who led the children in music each day, and then to the rest of the tireless crew consisting of Sheila Burton, Barbara Chomko, Paige Cunningham, Sean Curnyn, Jean Fischer, Lori Hansen, Lyonel Laverde, Karen Rombey, Fatima Stevenson, Kathryn Wicks, Sarah Wicks, Thomas Wicks, Ann Wilson and John Wilson. Thank you also to all our beautiful children who opened their hearts and minds to hear the Word of God. There are more pictures of the VBS program on our church website:

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/immanuel\\_lutheran\\_church/sets/72157624863825578/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/immanuel_lutheran_church/sets/72157624863825578/)

Thank you to everyone who made this such a fantastic week.

## A Quiet Weekly Wonder

An update on our Church Roof Campaign from Pastor Fryer

It is a quiet weekly wonder for me: recording the contributions to our Church Roof Fund Campaign. Financial Secretary Barbara Lewis is the one who keeps the official track of everyone's contributions and who distributes our year-end statements for tax purposes, but I am the one who tracks the pledges.

The times are tough, but you go on giving to our church, both for our church budget and for our roof campaign. I can hardly express how impressive and moving this is to me! Both the current pledge total and our weekly progress toward that total constitute a high honor for our congregation.

Our current pledge total is \$248,310. This does not include the initial campaign gift of \$50,000. When we combine the two figures plus interest on the initial gift, we are close to \$300,000, which bodes well for the whole project, both the roof and steeple.

Most people give to our roof campaign via the roof envelopes. (I've enclosed one of those envelopes with this newsletter.) And many people give via checks. The result is that in most cases, I know who has made the contribution and can record it in the records. But I am also touched by the anonymous cash contributions we receive. They might be a dollar or two, but I count each one precious and record it in my table of anonymous contributions. The Lord knows all the good things you have been doing. Thank you!

# Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

We'll be having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Your "trash" might be someone else's treasure; your castoffs can be turned into dollars for our Roof Steeple Restoration Fund. Items we could use include jewelry, personal accessories, books, CDs, tapes, records, toys, kitchen and houseware items, electrical appliances, electronics, bric-a-brac, silver, china and crystal, plus winter clothing (only if in good condition please). Please leave clothes on hangers when packing. We'll need lots of wire hangers too. Also, food and baked goods for the Immanuel Café.

Volunteers are needed too! Please call Kathy at 212/249-0125, Maria at 646/863-2902 or Louisa at 917/412-0823 if you can help out.

We will start taking donations the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations may be delivered Sundays after church, or by appointment by calling Karen in the church office at 212/289-8128.

## Midtown Concerts' 2010-2011 Season begins!

The 2010-2011 season of Midtown Concerts begins Wednesday, September 8 at 1:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Concerts, presenting music by a variety of early music ensembles and recitalists, are free and last about 35 minutes long. Please join us!

### September 8

Anima: Music of the Spanish Baroque

### September 15

Greenser Trio: Eighteenth-Century Music for Clarinet, Cello and Fortepiano

### September 22

Music Director Gwendolyn Toth plays French Baroque Harpsichord Music

### September 29

Ensemble Solaire: French Baroque Vocal Music

## New CD Released by our Music Director, Dr. Gwendolyn Toth

Music Director Dr. Gwendolyn Toth released a new CD in July, *Omlandia Allegra: Meantone Organs in Holland*. The 2-CD set presents music from the earliest medieval sources up through virtuosic early seventeenth-century organ music. Selections are performed on a Renaissance Dutch organ from 1531 and an early Baroque organ from 1651. You can purchase the set directly from Dr. Toth for \$15, or buy individual tracks online at [Digistation.com](http://Digistation.com).

# The 25th Anniversary of Ordination of Carol and Gregory Fryer

Carol's Celebration: Reformation Sunday afternoon, 4 p.m. October 31, 2010

With Pastor Gregory Fryer, preaching

Gregory's Celebration: The main liturgy at Immanuel, 11 a.m. Sunday, November 14, 2010

With Rev. Dr. Robert W. Jenson, preaching

## UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH THE WARTBURG ADULT CARE COMMUNITY THE WARTBURG FOUNDATION

Celebrate

The 25th Anniversary of Ordination

of

**THE REV. CAROL E.A. FRYER**

To the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Please join

United Lutheran Church

and

The Wartburg Community

as we celebrate

The 25th Anniversary of Ordination

of

The Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer



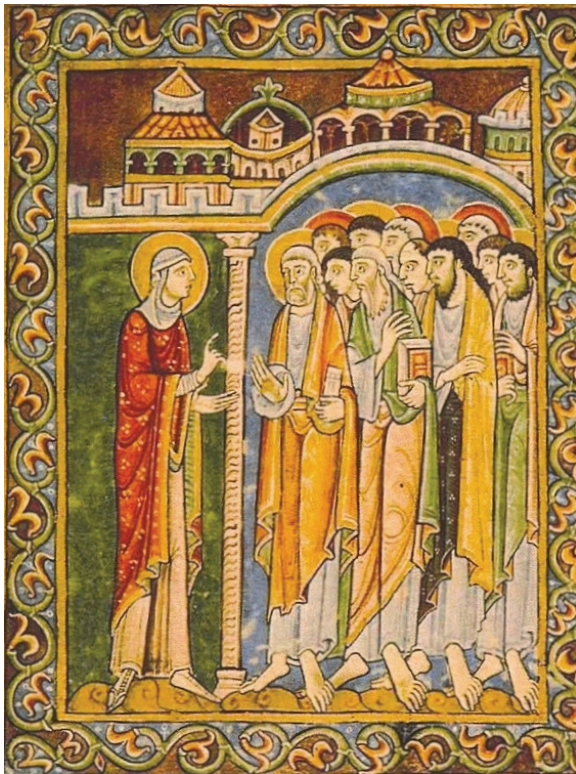
Festival Eucharist

Sunday, October 31, 2010

4:00 PM

The Wartburg Chapel

A dinner reception will follow in  
Berkemeier Auditorium



*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples*

*"I have seen the Lord."*

*John 20:18*

For Carol's liturgy and reception, kindly notify The Wartburg by October 20.

Contact Karen Thomas (914) 513-5308 or

kthomas@the wartburg.org.

# Steuben Day Parade

Saturday, September 25, 2010

The German-American Steuben Parade will take place this year on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Since Immanuel was founded by Germans living in Yorkville during the Civil War, it might be fun for interested members to join in the Parade and the collateral festivities. Everyone is invited to march or just take part in the activities and meet the visiting marching groups from Europe as well as the U.S. who are always in their costumes. March under the banner of the German Language Learning Club whose members are shared with Immanuel members and, who have marched together in the previous parades. Family, and friends, (both two and four -legged), toddlers to seniors, are welcome, regardless of heritage. The bigger the group, the nicer it is. Flags will be provided. Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> is the big dinner-dance and banquet reception held at the Hilton at \$150.00 where one can dance, waltz, polka, to a great German Orchestra, or just watch. On Saturday at 9:30 a.m. there is a magnificent Mass held at St. Patrick's Cathedral with all the costumed groups and bands. After that, people gather for breakfast and then lineup area at about noon, in the East 60s. The Parade marches up Fifth Avenue to 86<sup>th</sup> Street (about a mile) then on to the German-American Friendship Party in Central Park offering live music and ethnic entertainment, good food and beer. Advance tickets are \$10.00 for the viewing stand for those who can't march, and \$10.00 for entrance to the Party. Those interested should call Kathy Jolowicz at 212/249-0125.